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By nature, Ex Parte filings are time sensitive and critical to your case. Knowing the correct procedures for filing documents is vital if you want to avoid a rejection or a cancelled hearing. Listed below are the two most frequently asked questions relating to Ex Parte filings. Click here to view a full list of FAQ posted on the court website.

What is the Cut-Off Time for eFiling my Ex Parte Documents?

Ex parte applications must be efiled no later than 10:00 a.m. on the court day before the ex parte hearing. Any written opposition to an ex parte application must be efiled by 8:30 a.m. the day of the ex parte hearing. A printed courtesy copy of any opposition to an ex parte application must be provided to the Court on the day of the ex parte hearing.

If I eFile my Ex Parte Application, do I have to appear?

An applicant for an ex parte order must appear, pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.1207.

The time deadlines above refer to the time a filing is submitted through the eFiling portal. Keep in mind that you will need to allow yourself time to create and format a text-searchable, bookmarked document that complies with the rules of court. If you are utilizing First Legal's concierge eFiling service, our team can bookmark and convert text for you, but our cut-off time is 9:00 am for ex parte applications or one hour prior to the court deadline for opposition documents.

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