

MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
COURT SERVICES DIVISION.POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

CHAPTER 04 – INMATE HANDLING
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ATTORNEY VISITS IN COURT FACILITIES

POLICY

It is the policy of the Marin County Sheriff's Office to provide guidelines that establish procedures to insure ways for an attorney to visit with their in-custody client in a safe and secure environment while in the Court Facilities.

PROCEDURE

Safety of staff, safety of all involved parties and inmate retention are the main concerns regarding attorney/client visits in Court Facilities. For this reason, attorneys wishing to visit with their client prior to court appearances should be encouraged to visit with their clients at the jail.

Attorneys are not allowed to visit with their clients in the court holding cells. Attorney visits will be facilitated in the court room.

The following steps should be taken when facilitating an attorney/client visit in Court facilities.

- Have a judge order the visit.
- Advise judge of any safety or security concerns.
- Inmate should remain in restraints per their classification
- Seat the inmate and the attorney closest to the holding cell. Have other defendants sit at the opposite end of the counsel table so the court may continue with other court cases.

Attorney visits shall not occur under the following circumstances:

- In court holding cells
- In outer holding cell areas
- Other non-secure areas
- When violent, agitated or unstable inmates are involved.
- If there are other safety or security concerns

RELATED STANDARDS:

None

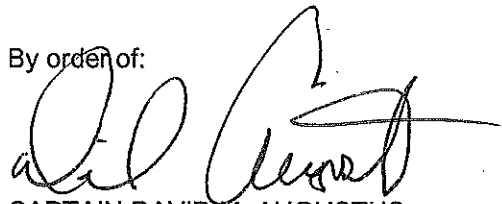
AFFECTED DIVISIONS:

None

DATE OF REVISIONS:

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By order of:



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