6-07/110.00 Time to Respond

• 6-07/110.10 General Summons

The summons (SUM-100) requires the defendant to respond to the complaint by filing a response with the court within 30 days after being served with the summons. This is specified (CCP 412.20 (6))

• 6-07/110.20 Unlawful Detainer

CCP 1167 (a) The summons (SUM-130) shall be in the form specified in CCP 412.20 except that when the defendant is served, **the defendant's response shall be filed within five days**, excluding Saturdays and Sundays and other judicial holidays, after the complaint is served upon him or her.

(b) In all other respects the summons shall be issued and served and returned in the same manner as a summons in a civil action.

• 6-07/110.30 Libel/Slander

In any action for libel or slander, **for good cause** shown upon ex parte written application, **the court may order that the time to respond to the complaint is 20 days** after the service of summons on the defendant. The application shall be supported by an affidavit stating facts showing, among other things, that the alleged defamatory matter has been continuously published and that there is a reasonable likelihood that the publication will continue. The order shall direct the clerk to endorse the summons to show that the time to respond has been shortened pursuant to this section. A copy of the application, affidavit, and order shall be served with the summons. (CCP 460.5)