

explanation or directive telling me not to make a trip to the building and that there were no mail slots or drop boxes.

In my trip this morning, I arrived at the Corona Court at about 7:55AM. Once again, the doors were locked even though it was obvious that people were walking around inside. I pushed the button to talk to someone on the inside and after awhile a woman reluctantly responded. She told me that this facility has been closed to the public due to budget problems. When I asked her why there appears to be NO notice stating such on the front door where I was standing, she said that there is one with that statement. I started reading from the approximately 13 information papers posted there and she finally conceded that the front door is a bit "busy" and perhaps this important statement does not stand out the way that it should. She said that my best option at this point would be to mail the document.

One of the women last Friday afternoon told me that it is possible to electronically fax my documents to the court and that I should search the Riverside court website for the fee schedule. When I found the rather extensive fee schedule, I was still not sure exactly which fees would apply to my transmittal. In my past 24 years of operating a business, I have never, ever paid anyone a fee to fax materials to them. Once I purchased the fax machine and paid for the phone line, I could fax anything to anyone with a fax number. It was difficult to interpret the Court's fee schedule, but to fax 8 pages might have cost about \$50.

In all of my rather short discussions with Corona Court employees who were leaving the building last Friday afternoon (as well as my one discussion this morning with a woman over the intercom), I noticed an dismissive attitude toward my efforts to deliver the subject document for my case. I can only theorize that, since I am considered part of the public, that I hold some responsibility for the budget cuts. In retrospect, I am having a hard time believing that the gentleman who suggested that I utilize the mail slot on the other side of the building last Friday afternoon, did NOT know that it was welded shut.

In summary, Mr. Commissioner, if the Corona Court is so financially incapacitated by budget cuts that it cannot allow for off-hours delivery of court documents by means of a drop box, perhaps, in the interest of fairness, the Corona Court should simply dismiss all contested cases such as mine.

Sincerely yours,

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