

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SONOMA

FROM THE CLERK OF THE COURT

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REMOTE APPEARANCE INFORMATION

The Sonoma County Superior Court continues to provide the opportunity for remote appearances in all Civil (non-criminal) matters, including guardianship and LPS calendars via Zoom (or in person in the courtroom) in compliance with CCP §367.75.

The public is strongly encouraged to appear remotely via Zoom when remote appearances have been authorized.

Order of the Presiding Judge, Shelly J. Averill

HEARINGS WITH ORAL TESTIMONY OR TRIALS

California Rules of Court and Code of Civil Procedure call for parties to submit notice of the intent to appear remotely for evidentiary hearings and trials.

- Complete Judicial Council form <u>RA-010 Notice of Remote</u> <u>Appearance</u> and follow the instructions on Page 3.
- Complete Judicial Council form <u>RA-020 Order Regarding Remote</u> Appearance.
- Submit the completed forms to the court.

OPPOSITION TO A REMOTE APPEARANCE IN HEARINGS WITH ORAL TESTIMONY OR TRIALS

Californian Rules of Court, rule 3.672(h)(3) states that in response to a notice of remote proceeding for an evidentiary hearing or trial by a party or the court, and to obtain a court order for an in-person appearance, a party may submit their opposition, serve the other party and the court.

- Complete Judicial Council form <u>RA-015 Opposition to Remote</u> <u>Proceeding at Evidentiary Hearing or Trial</u> and follow the instructions on Page 2.
- Complete Judicial Council form <u>RA-020 Order Regarding Remote</u> <u>Appearance</u>.
- Submit the completed forms to the court.

TO APPEAR REMOTELY IN A NON-EVIDENTIARY HEARING

While the public is strongly encouraged to appear remotely via Zoom, notice of remote appearance may be required.

- Complete Judicial Council form <u>RA-010 Notice of Remote</u> <u>Appearance</u> and follow the instructions on Page 3.
- Complete Judicial Council form <u>RA-020 Order Regarding Remote</u> <u>Appearance</u>.
- Submit the completed forms to the court.
- Locate the Zoom session information on your hearing documents or by visiting the Division's Court Calendar webpages; <u>Family Law</u>, <u>Probate</u>, <u>Juvenile</u> or <u>Civil</u>.

USING ZOOM FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Please see our Virtual Appearance Guide document

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at (707) 521-6500 between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon on regular business days.