

3-103. REMOTE APPEARANCES (Eff. 1/1/22)

- A. This Local Rule is adopted pursuant to Civil Code of Procedure section 367.75 and California Rule of Court, rule 3.672. Notice requirements are set forth in rule 3.672 and below.
- B. For Case Management Conferences, Law and Motion hearings, and Ex Parte hearings, parties may appear remotely pursuant to Civil Code of Procedure section 367.75 and California Rule of Court, rule 3.672.
  - a. Parties may stipulate either orally or in writing to waive notice of other participants' appearing remotely for Case Management Conferences, Law and Motion hearings, and Ex Parte hearings.
  - b. This Court waives notice of parties appearing remotely for Case Management Conferences, Law and Motion hearings, and Ex Parte hearings.
  - c. Nothing limits the discretion of the judicial officer to require parties to appear in person for Case Management Conferences, Law and Motion hearings, and Ex Parte hearings.
  - d. A remote appearance for Case Management Conferences, Law and Motion hearings, and Ex Parte hearings will not be permitted if the tentative ruling posted for the hearing states that an in-person appearance is required, or the court advises the person requesting to appear remotely that the judicial officer has determined that an in-person appearance is necessary.
- C. For Case Management Conferences, Law and Motion hearings, and Ex Parte hearings, the Court has a telephone Bridge Conference Line platform that supports audio only.
  - a. The Bridge Conference Line call in numbers are listed on the Court's website.
  - b. At the discretion of the Judicial Officer, a Zoom video platform may be provided for the parties to appear. The Court will provide the video access meeting link, or require a party to provide notice of the video access meeting link.
  - c. Any recording, reproduction, or re-broadcasting of a court proceeding held remotely, including screenshots or other visual or audio copying of a hearing, is prohibited.
- D. For Evidentiary Hearings, Settlement Conferences, Bench or Court Trials, Jury Trials, and hearings on Orders to Show Cause, parties must appear in person, unless the party or attorney requests and receives express written authorization to appear remotely by the judicial officer.
  - a. A party may request to appear remotely by filing and serving a Notice of Remote Appearance Form RA-010 with the Court no later than 10 court days before the Evidentiary Hearing, Settlement Conference, Bench or Court Trial, Jury Trial, or Order to Show Cause.
  - b. In response to notice of remote appearance, any party may file and serve an Opposition to Remote Proceedings Form RA-015 no later than 5 court days before the hearing in question.

c. A party must deliver a copy of any written Notice or Opposition under (a) or (b) to the department in which the proceeding is to be held.

E. Even when a remote appearance is authorized and commences, the judicial officer may terminate a remote appearance and continue the matter so that an in-person appearance can occur if technology or audibility issues interfere with the judicial officer's ability to make a determination required by the hearing, the in-person appearance is necessary to assist in the determination of the specific hearing, the court reporter's ability to make an accurate record is in question, counsel's ability to provide effective representation is in question, an interpreter's ability to provide language access is in question, or for any other reason which constitutes good cause under the circumstances.