



# The State Bar Court *of California*

HON. CATHERINE D. PURCELL  
PRESIDING JUDGE  
HON. YVETTE D. ROLAND  
SUPERVISING HEARING JUDGE

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## GENERAL NOTICE RE REMOTE COURT EVENTS

### Effective May 20, 2020 and Until Further Notice

To facilitate the parties' and the court's ability to conduct State Bar Court business during the COVID-19 pandemic and until further order of this court, the State Bar Court will conduct certain proceedings remotely by video using Zoom technology. This conforms with California Rules of Court, Emergency Rule 3, adopted by the Judicial Council and effective April 6, 2020, which permits judicial proceedings and court operations to be conducted remotely through the use of video, audio, and telephonic means.

#### Zoom Court Appearance Requirements:

##### General Requirements:

- A participant's remote appearance by video satisfies the obligation to appear in court and carries the same authority as an in-person appearance. Participants include parties, counsel, and witnesses. A participant may appear by telephone only with the Court's advance and express permission.
- A remote proceeding is a court proceeding. Appropriate conduct and attire is expected and required. All remote proceedings that are required to be recorded pursuant to rule 5.14 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar will be recorded.
- The public may access a list of public remote court events on the State Bar Court website in the [Current Notices](#) section.
- The recording, broadcasting, or photographing (including "screenshots" or other visual copying) of a remote court event is strictly prohibited pursuant to rule 5.16 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar, unless granted by the court.
- All participants and other individuals granted remote access to court events are expected to follow all instructions by the court and to not disrupt proceedings in any manner.

##### Participant Requirements:

- In order to participate in a scheduled remote court event, participants will be provided with Zoom access information to access the court event, including information to join by video or telephone. This Zoom access information should not be shared with anyone.

- Participants should access the Zoom court event at least 10 minutes before the scheduled commencement of the court event. Before the court event starts, participants will be placed into "waiting rooms" and will be admitted into the court event by the Court Specialist.
- During the court event, participants should speak one at a time and pause prior to speaking in case there is any audio/video lag. Participants should mute themselves when not speaking in order to avoid any potential background noise.
- If a participant is experiencing technical difficulties, that participant should contact the Court via email using the assigned judge's courtroom email address.

**Zoom Video Appearances:**

- Zoom video appearances require sufficient internet speed and connectivity to stream video, a device capable of capturing and displaying a clear audio and visual stream, and limited background noise and distraction. It is the sole responsibility of a participant appearing by Zoom to ensure the above criteria are met. The court retains full discretion to terminate a Zoom proceeding, and may continue or reschedule the proceeding for another date and time due to delay or other concern due to disruption, noise, misconduct, a communication problem, a technical problem, other issue, or in the interest of justice.
- If a participant is not connected at the time of the scheduled proceeding, the court may consider it a failure to appear at the proceeding.
- Nothing in this notice limits the court's ability to order a personal appearance.

**Zoom Telephonic Appearances:**

- Zoom telephonic appearances require the Court's advance and express permission, sufficient connectivity, and limited background noise and distraction. It is the sole responsibility of a participant appearing by telephone to ensure the above criteria are met. The court retains full discretion to terminate a telephonic proceeding, and may continue or reschedule the proceeding for another date and time due to delay or other concern due to disruption, noise, misconduct, a communication problem, a technical problem, other issue, or in the interest of justice.
- If a participant is not connected at the time of the scheduled proceeding, the court may consider it a failure to appear at the proceeding.
- Nothing in this notice limits the court's ability to order a personal appearance.