



The State Bar Court *of California*

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PRESIDING JUDGE
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SUPERVISING HEARING JUDGE

GENERAL NOTICE RE REMOTE COURT EVENTS

**Effective April 4, 2022, and Until Further Notice
(Revised January 3, 2024)**

Effective April 4, 2022, the State Bar adopted Rules 5.17 and 5.18 and amended Rule 5.154 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California.

The court encourages all court participants to review these [Rules](#) in their entirety.

Zoom Court Appearance and Public Access Requirements:

General Requirements:

- Appropriate conduct and attire are expected and required. Remote proceedings will be recorded pursuant to rule 5.14 of the Rules of Procedure.
- The recording, broadcasting, or photographing (including “screen-shots” or other visual copying) of a remote court proceeding is strictly prohibited pursuant to rule 5.16 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar, unless authorized by the court.
- All participants and other individuals granted remote access to court proceedings are expected to follow all instructions by the court and to not disrupt proceedings in any manner.
- **All** public court proceedings, whether conducted in-person or wholly or partially remote, may be accessed by the public through Zoom. Public court proceedings, with Zoom links for public access, are posted to the State Bar Court [website](#) on the [Public Court Events](#) page by the end of day Friday for the following week. Any changes are posted as soon as possible. Members of the public who use the link to watch a court event will have access as spectators only.

Participant Requirements:

- Participants will be provided with Zoom access information to the court proceeding, including information to join by video or telephone. This Zoom access information should not be shared with anyone.
- Participants should access the Zoom court proceeding at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start time. Participants will initially be placed into "waiting rooms" and will then be admitted to the proceeding by the Court Clerk.
- During a participant's remote appearance, the participant should be visible on video.

- Throughout the proceeding, 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.
- Participants shall not use virtual backgrounds; however, a participant may blur their background.
- The court retains full discretion to terminate a Zoom proceeding, and may continue or reschedule the proceeding for another date and time, or require the participant to appear in person, 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.

Zoom Telephonic Appearances:

- Zoom telephonic appearances require 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, or require the participant to appear in person, 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.