



The State Bar Court of California

NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES RE INTERIM RULES OF PROCEDURE

Effective January 1, 2022, the Board of Trustees of the State Bar of California has approved Interim Rules 5.17, 5.18, and 5.154 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar. These Interim Rules of Procedure authorize the State Bar Court to conduct court proceedings remotely.

Interim Rule 5.17 applies to all court proceedings in the Hearing Department except for evidentiary hearings and trials. Such court proceedings will be conducted remotely unless a party provides notice of their intent to appear in person.

Interim Rule 5.18 applies to evidentiary hearings and trials in the Hearing Department. These proceedings will be conducted in person unless a party gives notice of the party's intent to appear remotely. Another party, however, may oppose the remote appearance by showing why remote testimony or a remote appearance should not be allowed.

Interim Rule 5.154 authorizes oral argument to be conducted remotely by video in the Review Department if a party gives notice of the party's intent to appear remotely.

The Interim Rules are accessible [here](#). The court encourages all court participants to review the Interim Rules in their entirety.

A party may provide notice of their intent to appear remotely or appear in person using two new State Bar Court forms. Use of these forms are encouraged but not mandatory.

- [Notice re Remote or In-Person Appearance Pursuant to Rule 5.17, 5.18, or 5.154 of the Rules of Procedure](#)
- [Opposition to Remote Proceeding at Evidentiary Hearing or Trial Pursuant to Rule 5.18 of the Rules of Procedure](#)