

Superior Court of California County of Santa Cruz

Rule 1.4 REMOTE APPEARANCES

Pursuant to California Judicial Council Emergency Rule 3, <https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/appendix-i.pdf>, this Court will proceed with conducting Remote Appearances via Zoom (Remote Appearance Application). This Emergency Rule is intended to address the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Appearance information for each department may be found at <https://www.santacruzcourt.org/content/remote-appearance-0>.

Public access for specific subject matters will be live-streamed. Information is available at <https://www.santacruzcourt.org/content/remote-appearance>.

There is no cost to appear remotely via Zoom.

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Rule 1.4.01 Appearances in Non-Criminal (Civil, Family, Restraining Orders, Probate, LPS, Appeals and Juvenile Dependency Departments

- (a) Remote video appearances are mandatory for attorneys unless otherwise directed by the judge.
- (b) Self-represented litigants, witnesses and other participants are strongly encouraged to appear remotely but may appear in person.
- (c) No prior authorization is required to appear remotely.
- (d) Audio only appearances are an option only if a party has no access to a device with video capabilities.
- (e) Documentary evidence shall be submitted electronically no later than seven court days before a trial or hearing. Details regarding evidence submission for each department will be posted on the Court's remote appearance web page.

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Rule 1.4.02 Appearances in Criminal Departments

The Court authorizes the use of remote appearance for *pretrial* proceedings in criminal cases in accordance with the requirements of Judicial Council Emergency Rule 3 and other applicable laws covering the use or involvement of remote appearance. The following details also apply:

- (a) Remote appearances are voluntary for attorneys unless otherwise directed by the judge.
- (b) Defendants and other participants are strongly encouraged to appear remotely but may appear in person unless otherwise directed by the Court or their attorney.
- (c) No prior authorization is required to appear remotely.
- (d) When electing to appear remotely, attorneys must appear by video unless otherwise permitted by the Court to appear by audio-only in advance of the proceeding. Audio only appearances are an option only if a party has no access to a device with video capabilities.
- (e) Attorneys must appear in person for any proceeding where they intend to present evidence to the Court unless otherwise directed by the Court in advance of the proceeding.

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Rule 1.4.03 Appearances in Traffic and Minor Violation Departments

The Court authorizes the use of remote appearance for *arraignment* proceedings in Traffic and minor violation cases according to the following details:

- (a) Remote appearances are mandatory for attorneys unless otherwise directed by the judicial officer.
- (b) Self-represented litigants are strongly encouraged to appear remotely but may appear in person unless otherwise directed by the judicial officer.
- (c) No prior authorization is required to appear remotely.
- (d) When electing to appear remotely, litigants are strongly encouraged to appear by video. Audio only appearances are an option only if a party has no access to a device with video capabilities.

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Rule 1.4.04 Appearances in Juvenile Justice

- (a) Remote video appearances are mandatory for all participants unless otherwise directed by the Court.
- (b) Audio only appearances are an option only if a party has no access to a device with video capabilities.
- (c) Attorneys must appear in person for any proceeding where they intend to present evidence to the Court unless otherwise directed by the Court in advance of the proceeding.

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