## **Rule 1.4.02 Appearances in Criminal Departments**

- (a) Remote appearances in Criminal Cases are governed by California Rules of Court Emergency Rule 3. Penal Code 977.
- (b) The Court authorizes remote appearances for *pretrial* proceedings in criminal cases. Remote appearances are voluntary unless otherwise directed by the judicial officer.
- (e)(b) No prior authorization is required to appear remotely A defendant deciding not to exercise the right to be physically present shall use local court form SUPCR 321, Waiver of Defendant's Personal Presence, to execute a written waiver of that right or to appear remotely. Form SUPCR 321 shall be filed in open court prior to the proceeding or no less than five (5) court days prior to the proceeding when filing with the court.
- (d)(c) When electing to appearing remotely, parties shall do so from a location with stable and continuous access to the Internet, free of distractions, and with the ability to focus on the proceedings at all times. attorneys Parties must appear by video at all times 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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