

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LASSEN

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Clerk of the Superior Court  
County of Lassen

GENERAL ORDER  
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**PARTICIPATION IN REMOTE APPEARANCES**

**This General Order rescinds General Order 2020-11 dated November 16, 2021 in its entirety.**

This General Order is adopted pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 367.75 and California Rule of Court 3.672

The information to appear remotely at proceedings in this court is posted online on the court's website [www.lassencourt.ca.gov](http://www.lassencourt.ca.gov)

- A. Remote Appearances in Contested Hearings must be by video, no audio appearances are permitted.
- B. The court uses two platforms for remote appearances: Zoom and CourtCall. Zoom supports video and audio appearances and CourtCall is audio only. Fees may be applicable for appearances through CourtCall. Zoom appearances are available at no cost.
- C. Any recording, reproduction or re-broadcasting of a court proceeding held remotely is prohibited.
- D. Any person appearing remotely shall conduct themselves in the same manner as if they were appearing in person.

**Criminal Cases – Traffic, Misdemeanor, Felony and Juvenile Delinquency**

- 1. Parties can appear at all hearings with the exception of trial without prior approval of the court pursuant to California Rule of Court, Emergency Rule 3.

**Juvenile Dependency Cases**

- 1. Parties can request a Remote Appearance by using Judicial Council Forms RA-025, RA-030 and RA-015 pursuant to California Rule of Court 3.672 and Code of Civil Procedure 367.75. Parties are required to reference the California Rule of Court and Code of Civil Procedure for service and filing requirements.
- 2. All statutory confidentiality requirements applicable to Juvenile Dependency proceedings held in person apply equally to remote proceedings.


3. Any person entitled to be present under California Rule of Court 5.530(b) or authorized by the court order may request to appear remotely and provide the request to the court no later than the time the case is called.
4. Requests for a witness to appear by Remote Appearance must be made in writing, the attorney for the party calling the witness may make a request on behalf of the witness by filing form RA-025 and serving a copy on all parties by any means authorized by law no later than 3 court days before the hearing.
5. Notwithstanding California Rule of Court 3.672 and Code of Civil Procedure 367.75, a party may ask the court to appear remotely without notice or a timely request. The court may permit the remote appearance upon a finding of good cause, unforeseen circumstances, or that allowing the remote appearance would promote access to justice.

#### Non-Criminal Proceedings – Civil, Small Claims, Family Law, Probate

1. Parties can request a Remote Appearance by using Judicial Council Forms RA-010 and RA-015 pursuant to California Rule of Court 3.672 and Code of Civil Procedure 367.75. Parties are required to reference the California Rule of Court and Code of Civil Procedure for service and filing requirements.
2. The court will presume that parties set for a hearing in Non-Criminal proceedings will be appearing in person unless the party participating in the hearing requests, or notifies the court of their intention, to appear remotely, or the court has ordered a remote appearance on its own motion, by tentative ruling, probate notes or local rule.
3. Remote Appearances will not be permitted if the tentative ruling or probate notes posted for the hearing states that a personal appearance is required, or the court advises the person requesting to appear remotely that the judicial officer has determined that an in-person appearance is necessary to assist the determination of the hearing in question.
4. Each judicial officer may, on their own motion, order that a trial or evidentiary hearing, at which witnesses will be sworn and testimony received, will be conducted remotely unless an objecting party establishes that a remote appearance or testimony should not be allowed or a party fails to consent to the witness's remote appearance. An expert witness may appear remotely absent a showing by an objecting party that there is good cause to compel in-person testimony.
5. When a remote appearance is authorized and commences, the judicial officer may terminate a remote appearance and continue the matter so that an in-

person appearance can occur if technology or audibility issues interfere with the judicial officer's ability to make a determination required by the hearing, the in-person appearance is necessary to assist in the determination of the specific hearing, the court reporter's availability to make an accurate record, counsel's ability to provide effective representation, or an interpreter's ability to provide language access.

Dated: 1-21-22

  
Mark Nareau  
Presiding Judge of the  
Lassen Superior Court