

9-100. REMOTE APPEARANCES FOR SMALL CLAIMS ACTIONS, UNLAWFUL DETAINER CASES, and CIVIL HARASSMENT RESTRAINING ORDERS (Eff. 1/1/22)

- A. This Local Rule is adopted pursuant to Civil Code of Procedure section 367.75 and California Rule of Court, rule 3.672. Notice requirements are set forth in rule 3.672 and below.
- B. For Small Claims Actions, Unlawful Detainer Cases, Civil Harassment Restraining Orders, and Other Evidentiary Hearings, parties must appear in person, unless the party or attorney requests and receives express written authorization to appear remotely by the judicial officer who is to hear the matter.
  - a. A party may request to appear remotely by filing and serving a Notice of Remote Appearance Form RA-010 with the Court no later than 5 court days before the Small Claims Actions, Unlawful Detainer Cases, Civil Harassment Restraining Orders, or Other Evidentiary Hearings.
  - b. In response to notice of remote appearance, any party may file and serve an Opposition to Remote Proceedings Form RA-015 no later than 3 court days before the hearing in question.
  - c. A party must deliver a copy of any written Notice or Opposition under (a) or (b) to the department in which the proceeding is to be held.
- C. Even 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 ability to make an accurate record is in question, counsel's ability to provide effective representation is in question, an interpreter's ability to provide language access is in question, or for any other reason which constitutes good cause under the circumstances.