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Notice of Local Rules Update

Pursuant to California Rules of Court 10.613(g) and Rule 3.672(e), the following Local Rule is amended effective September 1, 2023.

- RULE 3.04 APPEARING REMOTELY AT NON-EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

The changes are attached to this notice and may also be found online at:

<https://www.slo.courts.ca.gov/forms-filing/local-rules>. A hard copy of the changes is available upon request.

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RULE 3.04

APPEARING REMOTELY AT NON-EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Unless an in-person appearance is expressly ordered by the Court or otherwise required by law, attorneys and self-represented parties may appear at non-evidentiary hearings via remote technology rather than in person. By doing so, litigants will be deemed to have requested a remote appearance. No written request or advance notice to the Court or other parties of the intention to appear remotely is required prior to the time of the hearing.

If for any reason the Court does not allow a remote appearance, the hearing shall be continued to a date when the parties will be ordered to appear in person.

This Rule applies to all civil cases, which includes all cases except criminal cases, and to all non-evidentiary hearings in those cases. Non-evidentiary hearings are those in which oral testimony will not be received, such as (a) hearings on motions, demurrers, and ex parte applications; (b) case management proceedings such as case management conferences, status conferences, trial setting conferences, and trial readiness conferences; and (c) hearings in response to orders to show cause other than those for contempt.

~~This Rule shall be in effect until July 1, 2023.~~ Local Rule 7.13 is suspended until ~~that date~~this rule is repealed.

Rule 3.04 amended effective September 1, 2023; adopted effective March 16, 2022.