



Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara

Information About Remote Appearances for Civil Cases

Personal appearances are required by all Civil departments for the following civil proceedings, unless specifically excluded by the judicial officer:

- All Court and Jury Trials
- All Evidentiary Hearings
- All Small Claims Hearings or Small Claims proceedings
- All Judgment Debtor Exams
- All North County Mandatory Settlement Conferences
- All North County Unlawful Detainer proceedings
- All North County Department SM 2 Family Law & Motion proceedings
- Any other proceeding as directed by the judicial officer

To request to appear by Zoom Videoconference for a proceeding requiring a personal appearance, use local form *SC-2073, Request to Appear by Zoom Videoconference and Order Thereon*, located on the court's website under the Forms & Filing tab or use the link here: [SC-2073 Request to Appear by Zoom and Order](#).

Unless otherwise directed by the judicial officer, or indicated above as requiring a personal appearance, appearance by Zoom Videoconference is optional, and does not require the filing of Judicial Council form *RA-010, Notice of Remote Appearance*, for the following civil proceedings:

- Civil Case Management Conferences
- Civil Law & Motion
- South County Civil Settlement Conferences
- Family Case Management Conferences
- Family Law & Motion (other than for North County Dept. SM 2)
- The first appearance in Restraining Order cases heard in Lompoc Dept. 2
- Probate proceedings

Remote hearing (Zoom) information for the civil courtrooms can be found on the court's website under the General Info tab/Court News & Notices/Covid-19/Orders Policies Rules, or use the link here: [2022 Civil Courtroom Remote Hearing Information](#).

If you are not clear if your hearing requires a personal appearance, contact the department secretary.

Santa Barbara Departments 3 and 5: (805) 882-4570

Santa Barbara Departments 4 and 9: (805) 882-4590

Santa Maria Departments 2 and 3: (805) 614-6500

Santa Maria Department 4: (805) 614-6515

Lompoc Department LM 2: (805) 737-5393 or (805) 614-6500