



**Superior Court of California
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

September 11, 2020

Notice to Attorneys and to All Interested Parties:

Invitation to Comment on Proposed Amendments to Local Rules and Forms

As required by California Rules of Court, Rule 10.613(g), the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda hereby distributes for public comment the attached proposal to amend its local rule.

The proposal also may be viewed on the [Court's website](#). In addition, a hard copy of the proposal is available upon request by email at pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov or by phone at 510-891-6012.

Important dates:

- The last day to comment is **October 26, 2020**.
- The proposed local rules and forms take effect **January 1, 2021**, pursuant to Rule 10.613(i)(1).

Summary and Text of Proposed Amendments: *see attached.*

Comments must be submitted in writing to:

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**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE SUPERIOR COURT'S LOCAL RULES AND FORMS**

Effective Date: January 1, 2021

Affected Rule, Form, or Section: Rule 1.90. Remote Proceedings

Proposed Action: The rule would authorize the Court to conduct remote hearings in any case type to the extent consistent with current law.

(a) Discretion to order remote proceedings

To the extent consistent with current law, the court may conduct proceedings, including trials, remotely.

(b) Technology and conduct in remote proceedings

Remote proceedings may be conducted through telephonic or videoconference applications. Parties and counsel must comply with directions provided by the court regarding specific remote technology and participant conduct.

(c) Prohibition on recording or transmitting remote proceedings

Participants may not record or transmit any portion of remote proceedings without advance written permission of the judicial officer.

(d) Violations

Any violation of this rule may result in sanctions, including but not limited to termination or continuance of the proceedings.
