

Superior Court of California COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

November 19, 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 (Court) hereby distributes for public comment the attached proposal to adopt new Local Rule 1.90.

The proposal also may be viewed on the Court's website <u>here</u> or <u>here</u>. In addition, a hard copy of the proposal is available upon request by email at <u>pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov</u> or by phone at 510-891-6012.

Important dates:

- The last day to comment is Monday, January 4, 2021.
- The proposed new rule takes effect upon approval of the Chair of the Judicial Council or on July 1, 2021, whichever is sooner.

Text of Proposed Rule: See attached.

Comments must be submitted in writing to:

Andrew Taylor Superior Court of California, County of Alameda 1225 Fallon Street, Room 209 Oakland, CA 94612 E-mail: <u>pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov</u>

Local Rules of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

Title 1. General and Administrative Rules

Chapter 1. General and Administrative Rules

Rule 1.90. Remote proceedings

(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.

Rule 1.90 adopted effective xx.