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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: ZOOM APPEARANCES FOR MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES IN CIVIL CASES ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20.29

Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and current increase in COVID cases in Ventura County, the court continues to balance the needs of litigants to access to the courts to resolve cases, with protecting the health and safety of court users, employees and judicial officers.

THEREFORE, GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, THIS COURT ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

All Mandatory Settlement Conferences in civil cases, which are/were scheduled at a Trial Setting Conference held after re-opening on June 15, 2020, shall be conducted remotely through the Zoom platform, as authorized by *California Rules of Court*, Emergency rule 3. (All Mandatory Settlement Conferences that were scheduled at a Civil Case Management Conference prior to the court closing on March 16, 2020, remain vacated, as set forth in the court's "Civil Re-Opening Plan" posted on the court's website on June 9, 2020.)

The "Mandatory Settlement Conferences Conducted Remotely" plan and "Remote Mandatory Settlement Conference Procedures Acknowledgment of Receipt and Stipulation" emergency form are incorporated herein and made a part of this order. Both are available on the court's website and shall remain in effect, until further notice.