SUPERIOR COURT of CALIFORNIA, COUNTY of VENTURA
DEPARTMENT 44 ZOOM APPEARANCE RULES[1]
(Effective February 23, 2026)

ELIGIBILITY

Attorneys, parties, and self-represented parties, and witnesses may appear remotely by Zoom in accordance with statute, court rules, and these procedures. The Court allows Zoom appearances as a courtesy.

Department 44 does not accommodate Court Call appearances.

No remote appearances are permitted for trials or evidentiary hearings (to include default prove-up hearings) unless authorized by the Court.

ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIREMENT

Advance notice by registration is required to appear remotely via Zoom. No advance notice is required to make an in-person appearance. **If you fail to register timely, you will be denied remote entry to the hearing**. Court staff does not monitor Department 44 e-mails concerning remote appearances.

Registration Requirement	Detail
For Each Court Appearance	https://ventura-courts-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/iqN7uhQSQMuOqs-9TQXgEQ
Deadline	By 4:00 p.m. the court day before the hearing.
For Appearances By	Attorneys, Parties, Those Expressly Authorized by the Court
Confirmation Email	By 5:00 p.m. the court day before the hearing

Conduct Requirements

- Reliable connection to include functioning audio and video
- No background noise
- Turn audio and camera on when case is called; mute until called
- Recording is prohibited (CRC 1.150)
- Identify yourself properly (e.g., "John Brown, Counsel for Plaintiff")
- Dress and conduct yourself as you would for an in-person court appearance

Evidentiary Hearings & Trials

In-person appearance required unless otherwise authorized by the Court. If a witness is authorized to appear remotely the party responsible must ensure no delays, witness access to all documents, and adequate notice to all parties.

Revocation of Remote Appearance

The Court may require an in-person court appearance consistent with CCP 367.75(b) and CRC 3.672(d).

[1] These rules are also set forth in Department 44's Rules and Procedures on page 3, § I.D.