

**SUPERIOR COURT of CALIFORNIA, COUNTY of VENTURA**  
**DEPARTMENT 44 ZOOM APPEARANCE RULES<sup>1</sup>**  
(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.

<b>Registration Requirement</b>	<b>Detail</b>
For Each Court Appearance	<a href="https://ventura-courts-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/iqN7uhQSQMuOqs-9TQXgEQ">https://ventura-courts-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/iqN7uhQSQMuOqs-9TQXgEQ</a>
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).

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<sup>1</sup> These rules are also set forth in Department 44’s Rules and Procedures on page 3, § I.D.