



**Superior Court of California
County of Fresno**

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NOTICE

Emergency Probate Rule in Response to COVID-19 – Remote Hearings

RULE 7.2.3. EMERGENCY PROBATE RULE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 – REMOTE HEARINGS

A. Pursuant to the March 23, 2020, and March 30, 2020, orders of the Chief Justice of California, for the safety of all parties due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Probate proceedings will be conducted remotely by Zoom until further notice. Appearance by Zoom is free. Instructions on how to attend a hearing remotely by Zoom can be found at: <http://www.fresno.courts.ca.gov/probate/>. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Probate Zoom Coordinator for assistance at (559) 457-1760 or by email at probatezoomcoordinator@fresno.courts.ca.gov.

B. Judges and staff will appear remotely. Parties, attorneys and witnesses may continue to appear in person at the courthouse; others will not be admitted to the courthouse. The Court strongly encourages all parties to participate remotely.

C. The petitioning party must timely serve, according to the applicable law, the Notice of Hearing, the Notice of Calendar Setting and Zoom information provided by the Court on all parties entitled to notice so they may appear remotely. Any person wishing to appear remotely, but lacking internet access, may appear by phone. The phone number to call will be provided in the Notice of Calendar Setting. Parties who have not received a Notice of Calendar setting, may contact the Probate Zoom Coordinator for assistance at (559) 457-1760 or by email at probatezoomcoordinator@fresno.courts.ca.gov.

D. All documentary evidence to be considered at the hearing must be filed no later than two court days prior to the scheduled hearing. If documents are not filed two court days prior to the hearing, the matter may be continued and/or the information may not be considered.

E. Non-confidential Probate matters heard by Zoom will be live-streamed on the Fresno Superior Court's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1QI1GyLuShmXKOhqJbxgqQ>.

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