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NOTICE

Emergency Civil Rule in Response to COVID-19

RULE 2.8 MISCELLANEOUS CIVIL CASES

2.8.8 <u>Emergency Civil Limited Rule in Response to COVID-19 - Remote</u> <u>Hearings</u>

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, Civil Limited proceedings may be conducted remotely by Zoom until further notice. Information regarding Zoom hearings will be sent on Notice of Calendar Setting. 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/civil/. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Civil Limited Zoom Coordinator for assistance at (559) 457-1810 or by email at civilzoomcoordinator@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. Any person wishing to appear remotely, but lacking internet access, may appear by phone, except in Unlawful Detainer Court Trial proceedings. The phone number to call will be provided on the Notice of Calendar Setting.

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.

1. UD Court Trial Exhibit Form- PCV-75 is mandatory and must be submitted with any exhibits for an unlawful detainer court trial. This form can be located on the Fresno Superior Court Website.

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

F. Any recording of a court proceeding held remotely, including screen-shots or other visual or audio copying of a hearing, is prohibited. (Effective December 21, 2020, New)