

Additional Information for Probate Remote Appearances

1. A person appearing remotely must:

a) Have sufficient internet speed and/or telephone connectivity to fully participate in all aspects of the hearing without disruption.

(b) Have the ability to clearly communicate with the court and all other participants at the hearing through a telephone, cell phone, microphone, headset or other similar device enabling a clear audio stream.

(c) If appearing by video, have a device capable of capturing and displaying a clear video stream.

(d) Have a location with limited background noise for the entire hearing.

(e) Ensure there are no interruptions or distractions for the duration of their appearance at the hearing. No other individual may appear with the participant or be heard during the hearing without prior court approval, other than when an attorney appears with their client from a common remote location.

(f) Observe the same degree of courtesy, decorum, and courtroom etiquette as required for an in-person appearance.

(g) Comply with California Rules of Court, Rule 1.150 that strictly prohibits any recording, reproduction or re-broadcasting of a court proceeding held remotely, including transcription, screenshots or other visual or audio copying of a hearing, is prohibited.

(h) Comply with any other instructions for remote appearances given by the judicial officer.

2. The court may reschedule or continue a remote proceeding if the requirements listed above are not satisfied or if a distraction or disturbance interferes with the hearing.