



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
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Public Notice

Resumption of Probate Trials and Settlement Conferences Amended

Beginning on July 6, 2020, Probate trials and settlement conferences are scheduled to resume. Trials and settlement conferences will be held using Zoom teleconference.

Resumption of Zoom Trials and Settlement Conferences

To address the backlog during the court closure trials have been vacated and rescheduled for a settlement conference starting as early as July 6, 2020. If resolution is not reached at the time of the settlement conference, a trial date shall be scheduled.

Parties and attorneys will be provided notice of continued trial and settlement conference dates through the Public Case Access System.

Trials and settlement conferences will be Zoom telepresence proceedings. There will be no physical public access to the courtroom. In order to participate in the Zoom trial or settlement conference, parties must either use a computer or smart device with internet access, and have downloaded the Zoom Application. If parties do not have compatible technology, then they can attend using a telephone and calling a designated toll free Zoom telephone line.

Parties must appear by Zoom or Telephone using the designated department account referenced in your notification and below at least 5 minutes before your scheduled trial or settlement conference date and time; and wait for a court representative to take roll.

Trials and settlement conferences will be held by going to <https://saccourt.zoom.us/my/dept129a> or by telephone by calling (888) 475-4499 and entering Conference ID: # 689-534-3925. For further Zoom Instructions, please click the link to the court's webpage at: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/family/docs/zoom-court-hearing-instructions-042320.pdf>.

Parties are advised and should understand that the court, in its discretion, may decide to terminate the Zoom appearance if it determines that a personal appearance would materially assist in the

determination of the proceedings, or because either party is not available, or based on delay due to disruption, noise, misconduct, a communication problem, a technical problem, or other issue. The court may decide at any time to require a personal appearance and continue the trial or settlement conference. The parties may be asked to provide information to verify their identity during the trial or settlement conference. The parties should understand that if they need to present documents, testimony or other evidence that is not available at the time of the trial or settlement conference, it is their responsibility to request a continuance. The court may decide to grant or deny the request.

Due to the uncertainty of continued efforts to stem the COVID-19 epidemic, trials and settlement conferences may be subject to change, and may change from Zoom to in-person appearances. Please continue to frequently check the Probate section of the Sacramento Superior Court Webpage at <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/probate/probate.aspx> for any new information and advisements.

Subpoenaing Probate Court Investigators

To subpoena the Probate Court Investigator, the subpoena along with a check or credit card authorization form for the amount of \$275.00 should be served at the courthouse. It is recommended that you check the availability of an Investigator for a trial before serving the subpoena by emailing the Probate Department at Dept129@saccourt.ca.gov.

Exhibits

Not less than five court days prior to trial, the parties shall submit to the court and serve the other parties with pre-marked exhibits, and submit a list of all, except for exhibits that may be used for rebuttal or impeachment.

- (a) Petitioner's exhibits shall be marked numerically.
- (b) Respondent's exhibits shall be marked alphabetically.
- (c) All other exhibits shall be listed without numeric or alphabetic designation.
- (d) Provide a list of all exhibits that will be entered into evidence by stipulation.
- (e) Identify in writing all facts to which a stipulation will be entered.