



**Superior Court of California
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

August 20, 2020

Notice to Attorneys and to All Interested Parties:

Invitation to Comment on Proposed Amendments to Local Rules and Forms

As required by California Rules of Court, Rule 10.613(g), the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda hereby distributes for public comment the attached proposal to amend its local rule.

The proposal also may be viewed on the [Court's website](#). In addition, a hard copy of the proposal is available upon request by email at pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov or by phone at 510-891-6012.

Important dates:

- The last day to comment is **October 4, 2020**.
- The proposed local rules and forms take effect **January 1, 2021**, pursuant to Rule 10.613(i)(1).

Summary and Text of Proposed Amendments: *see attached.*

Comments must be submitted in writing to:

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**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE SUPERIOR COURT'S LOCAL RULES AND FORMS**

Effective Date: January 1, 2021

Affected Rule, Form, or Section: Rule 5.509 Remote proceedings - Dependency and Delinquency Matters

Proposed Action:

- (a) The court may conduct dependency and delinquency proceedings remotely:
 - (1) After determining the health and safety of the public, court personnel, or judicial officers during an emergency prevents the court from conducting in-person proceedings; or
 - (2) After obtaining the consent of all parties.
 - (b) The Alameda County Social Services Agency must provide notice of remote proceedings in dependency matters to all parties. The Alameda County Probation Department must provide notice of remote proceedings in delinquency matters to all parties. All notices must include instructions on how to participate remotely.
 - (c) Conducting proceedings remotely includes the use of video, audio, or other electronic means for participating remotely, presenting evidence, interpreting as required, and reporting the official record.
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