

Local Rules of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

Title 7. Probate Rules

Chapter 3. Pleadings

Rule 7.180. Emergency rule re additional notice requirements during COVID-19 crisis

During the COVID-19 crisis, all parties who file a petition, motion, or application that requires a hearing date, [absent a court order requiring or permitting in-person appearance](#), shall include the following language in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS in the first page of the notice of the petition, motion, or application:

THE COURT REQUIRES ALL PARTIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE HEARING ON THE ABOVE DATE AND TIME, INCLUDING THOSE WHO WISH TO STATE OBJECTIONS, TO APPEAR BY AUDIO OR VIDEO TECHNOLOGY. THE PARTIES SHOULD CONSULT THE COURT'S WEBSITE FOR THE SPECIFIC TELEPHONIC AND VIDEO APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE. THE PARTIES MAY ALSO CONTACT THE PROBATE CLERK IN THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING REMOTE APPEARANCES. PARTIES MUST BE PRESENT AT LEAST FIVE (5) MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHEDULED HEARING TIME.

However, if the notice is required to be given on a mandatory Judicial Council of California form that does not provide adequate space for the above language, the first page of the notice shall state:

MANDATORY REMOTE APPEARANCE. SEE ATTACHMENT FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

The attachment must include the complete required language.

Rule 7.180 amended [effective June 24, 2021](#) ~~July 10, 2020~~; previously amended May 18 [and July 10, 2020](#); adopted effective April 20, 2020.