

## REMOTE APPEARANCES

Revised Penal Code sections 977 and 1043.5 and Government Code section 7165.1, and the added Penal Code section 977.3 allow the following remote appearances by defendants, attorneys and witnesses:

- **Misdemeanors:** Defendants may appear remotely in all misdemeanor proceedings except misdemeanor trials. Attorneys may appear remotely if the court finds it appropriate and practicable.
- **Felonies:** Defendants may appear remotely in all felony proceedings except trials and sentencing, unless the court allows the waiver of defendant's presence for noncritical portions of felony trials where no testimonial evidence is taken. Remote proceedings are allowed in postconviction relief proceedings and as otherwise provided by law. Attorneys may appear remotely if the court finds it appropriate and practicable.
- **Witnesses:** Witnesses may appear remotely for misdemeanor and felony proceedings – except for felony trials and only with the consent of both parties and the court. Witnesses may appear remotely as otherwise allowed by statutes for the closed circuit examination of victims of sexual crimes and conditional examinations of witnesses.
- **Court Reporters:** Court reporters must be physically present in a courtroom when the court conducts remote proceedings that are reported by a court reporter.

**Courts shall require a person appearing remotely to appear in person if technology or audibility issues arise that cannot be resolved in a reasonable amount of time.**

Additionally, All parties and counsel may continue to appear remotely in infraction (traffic) matters consistent with the requirements of Penal Code section 1428.5, and by requesting a Zoom link through the Court's website at [www.amadorcourt.org/gi-zoomRequestForm.aspx](http://www.amadorcourt.org/gi-zoomRequestForm.aspx) at least 24-hours prior to any scheduled court appearance.

### **Providing Notice of Remote Appearance in Non-Criminal Cases**

The Court will continue to allow remote appearances in most non-criminal proceedings pursuant to the provisions in Cal. Code of Civil Procedure §367.75 and Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.672.

In most cases, you must 1) notify the court and all other parties that you intend to appear remotely using form [RA-010](#), and 2) request a Zoom link through the Court's website at [www.amadorcourt.org/gi-zoomRequestForm.aspx](http://www.amadorcourt.org/gi-zoomRequestForm.aspx) at least 24-hours prior to any scheduled court appearance.

If you intend to appear remotely, you must also submit and serve your evidence prior to the scheduled date.