



Remote Appearances: Criminal

This provides a summary of the requirements for attorneys and defendants to appear remotely at the Placer County Superior Court.

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Remote Appearances Not Allowed *

Event Types

Attorneys

Contested VOP Hearings
Court and Jury Trials
Preliminary Hearings

Pre-trial status conferences for felony cases without a P.C. 977 appearance waiver on file, or in those cases where the court has ordered an in person appearance notwithstanding a P.C. 977 waiver

Defendants

Any matters requiring the personal presence of the defendant (pursuant to P.C. 977)

Arraignments
Collaborative Court Hearings
Court and Jury Trials
Matters involving CPOs
Preliminary Hearings
Return or Surrender on Warrants
Sentencings
VOP Hearings

* **Note:** The Court retains discretion to grant a defendant and/or an attorney leave to appear remotely. The application for an exception may be oral or in writing.

Permissible Remote Appearance with Judicial Approval

Event Types

Defendants

Law and Motion hearings
Status Conferences
(for example, Early Status Conferences, Pre-Trial Status Conferences, Trial Confirming Conferences)
Post Judgment Proof Hearings

Process

Form: Local Form PL-CR012 Request for Remote Appearance: Criminal

Deadline: Two (2) court days before the hearing.

Witnesses for Mental Health Court matters fall under this category and follow the same process.

Remote Appearance – No Judicial Approval Required

Event Types

Attorneys

All hearing excluding those listed in *Remote Appearances Not Allowed*

Defendants

Probation Transfer Outs

Process

If attorney is appearing 977:

- ✓ **Forms:** **NONE.** The attorney can schedule themselves online.
- ✓ **Deadline:** 4 PM the court day before the hearing.

If defendant is appearing with attorney or defendant is requesting remote:

- ✓ **Forms:** Local Form PL-CR012 Request for Remote Appearance: Criminal
- ✓ **Deadline:** Two (2) court days before the hearing.

Victims appearing for nontrial proceedings fall under this category, but file Local Form PL-CR015 two (2) court days before the hearing.