



Superior Court of California County of Orange

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Rules for DCSS Contempt Matters Department L54

1. Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic and consistent with recommendations/directions of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Governor of the State of California and the Orange County Health Department, all individuals entering this courthouse must wear a face mask (or comparable face cloth covering mouth and nose).
2. California Judicial Council Emergency Rule 3 allows for judicial proceedings to be conducted remotely. Effective immediately any Contempt citee or alleged probation violator ordered to appear in person in Department L54 may waive their right to appear in person and instead appear remotely via WEBEX. If an individual chooses to appear in person but refuses to wear a mask the court may conclude that the citee (defendant) has chosen to voluntarily be absented from the hearing with full knowledge of the hearing and the Court can proceed in their absence.
3. The waiver of personal appearance can be done either in writing or via video WEBEX appearance. If done in writing the waiver must be provided to the court at least 10 days prior to the hearing.
4. All Contempt related hearings in L54 will be held on the second Friday of the month. Those choosing to appear remotely in Department L54 will check in via the WEBEX hearing invitation generated by DCSS for the specific time designated. If you are represented contact your attorney to obtain this information.
5. DCSS will generate a WEBEX invitation to all contempt panel attorneys, private attorneys and all self-represented individuals.
6. Those choosing to appear in person in Department L54 will need to arrive 15 minutes prior to their designated hearing time and check in with an Orange County Sheriff Deputy upon arrival at the courthouse. Deputies will be stationed at the front entrance. Only individuals with a case on calendar will be allowed in the courthouse.
7. In person hearings will be staggered 30 minutes apart.
8. Childcare is not available at the courthouse. Parties may not bring children into the courthouse.
9. Any hearing that requires a witness must provide the witness list to the court by email at least 2 days prior to the hearing. If the witness list is not provided (such that the Sheriff can identify witnesses at the door) the witness will not gain entry to the building or be allowed in the hearing
10. Department L54 email address: L54@occourts.org

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