Superior Court of California
County of Orange

Appearance Procedure and Information

Civil - Restraining Orders (Including Civil Harassment, Gun Violence Restraining Orders, Workplace Violence, School Site Violence, Transitional Housing Misconduct)

UPDATE – Monday, October 12, 2026

In-person services are available in the Civil Clerk's Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1. **Filings:** Filings may be submitted in-person at the Central Justice Center, via eFiling through an approved eFiling Service Provider, or by US Mail at 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701.
2. **Questions:** Specific questions can be submitted via the "Ask a Question" button on the court's website.
3. **Self Help Assistance:** The public is encouraged to consult Self Help Services prior to filing documents. To contact Self Help, visit www.occourts.org/self-help and select "Click Here to Contact Self Help Services".
   Additional information regarding restraining orders can be found on the court's website at http://www.occourts.org/self-help/restrainingorders and https://california.tylerhost.net/SRL.
4. **Law enforcement emergency Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO)** requests will continue to be processed via the on-call EPO Referee procedure.
5. **Appearances (Departments C64 and C65):**
   Ex parte requests for temporary restraining orders will be ruled on the papers without hearing for civil harassment, workplace violence, school site violence, and transitional housing misconduct. The Court will offer remote appearances for all other non-evidentiary proceedings for these case types. Trials and evidentiary hearings will be held in person.
   Remote appearance will be conducted via Zoom through the video links available on the court's Civil Appearance Procedure and Information page. Click on the blue bar as displayed below to access the video link for the courtroom where the hearing is set.

Click here to appear for C61, C64, C65, C66 and D100 Proceedings

To view *Remote Hearing Instructions* click here or visit https://www.occourts.org/media-relations/covid/CivilPublicRemoteHearingInstructionsZoom.pdf.

In the event a party, witness, official reporter, official reporter pro tempore, court interpreter, or other court personnel experiences technology or audibility issues that arise during a remote conference, hearing, proceeding, or trial, the person is to alert the court by calling the courtroom. Phone numbers for the courtrooms can be found at https://www.occourts.org/directory/civil/CivilPhoneDepartmentDirectory.pdf.

Parties should review Local Rule 375 (https://www.occourts.org/system/files?file=rule_375.pdf) for additional appearance information.

6. **Gun Violence Restraining Orders (Department C61):**

Pursuant to Penal Code section 18123(a), a party or witness may appear remotely at the hearing on a petition for a gun violence restraining order. Parties shall provide notice of remote appearance to the Court online by clicking on a court-provided hyperlink and agreeing to the remote appearance.