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COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

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SUPEEIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING
REMOTE APPEARANCE FEES
(Gov. Code §68115)

GENERAL ORDER
2021-023

CR-21-999999

On October 12, 2021, in General Order 2021-019, the Stanislaus County Superior Court ("Court") ordered as follows:

1. Beginning October 18, 2021, the Court will suspend the fee to remotely appear using VCourt, the Court's remote appearance platform; and
2. The Court will review the need to mandate remote appearances as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic within the next sixty (60) days; and
3. The suspension of the remote appearance fee will expire on December 17, 2021 – unless earlier rescinded, extended or otherwise modified.

1 The basis for the Court's October 12, 2021 order was stated as follows:

2 "On April 6, 2020, the Judicial Council of California approved Emergency Rule of Court
3 3 – "use of technology for remote appearances" – which provides, at Rule 3(a)(1) that "courts
4 may require that judicial proceedings and court operations be conducted remotely." Rule 3(a)(3)
5 also provides that "conducting proceedings remotely includes, but is not limited to, the use of ...
6 telephonic means for remote appearances" Emergency Rule 3 remains in effect until 90 days
7 after the Governor declares that the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic is
8 lifted, or until it is amended or repealed by the Judicial Council."

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11 Emergency Rule 3, in its current form, remains in effect until January 1, 2022.

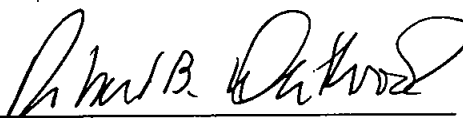
12 Given the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and based on the authority
13 granted to it in Emergency Rule 3, the Court has reviewed the need to mandate remote
14 appearances as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS**
15 **FOLLOWS:**

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17 1. The Court will continue to suspend the fee to remotely appear using VCourt, the
18 Court's remote appearance platform, through December 31, 2021.

19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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22 DATED: December 15, 2021




ROBERT B. WESTBROOK,
PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE
SUPERIOR COURT