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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

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11 **REMOTE HEARINGS FOR CIVIL**
12 **PROCEEDINGS DURING COVID-19**
13 **PANDEMIC (Amended)**

MISCELLANEOUS NO.: STD-20-0022

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15 By Order of the Presiding Judge:

16 Since March 4, 2020, the State of California has been in a State of Emergency
17 as a result of the threat of COVID-19. The Kern County Superior Court is aware of
18 recent rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in Kern County. The Court is attempting to
19 employ all necessary and available emergency protective measures to prevent,
20 mitigate, and respond to the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

21 In an effort to keep all Court users, employees, and judicial officers as safe as
22 possible, effective December 16, 2020 and until further notice all Metropolitan Limited
23 and Unlimited Civil proceedings, with the exception of trials and mandatory settlement
24 conferences, will be conducted via CourtCall or Zoom. CourtCall can be reached at 1-
25 888-882-6878. Instructions for accessing each Courtroom's Zoom account can be found

1 on the Court's website. Self-represented litigants without access to a phone are exempt
2 from this requirement and may appear in person. Proceedings in Metropolitan Division
3 Small Claims and Unlawful Detainer Cases (Department 12) are not included in this
4 Standing Order. The Court may also find good cause for any other exemptions from
5 this Order.

6 All mandatory settlement conferences will be conducted via Zoom.

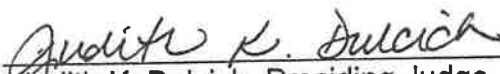
7 All jury trials will be held in person. Each judicial officer will determine whether
8 court trials will be held in person or remotely via Zoom.

9 Non-court participants should select "Audience Stream" under the "Remote Court
10 Hearings" function to access non-confidential proceedings.

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12 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 16, 2020.

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14 **IT IS ORDERED.**

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16 Dated: December 16th, 2020.

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18 Judith K. Dulcich, Presiding Judge
19 Kern County Superior Court