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SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO EXPAND LACOURTCONNECT REMOTE APPEARANCE PLATFORM TO APPELLATE DIVISION AND ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL COURTHOUSES

Appellate Division Goes Live June 12; Second Phase of Criminal Rollout Begins June 16

The Superior Court of Los Angeles County will continue the phased rollout of LACourtConnect (LACC), the Court's free technology platform for remote courtroom appearances. The platform will launch in the Appellate Division on June 12, with expansion to additional Criminal courtrooms beginning June 16.

LACC is a user-friendly, modern platform that allows attorneys and litigants to attend court hearings virtually using Microsoft Teams without needing advanced registration.

Appellate Division – June 12

Starting June 12, remote appearances in the Appellate Division will be conducted via LACourtConnect. Users may access the platform by visiting the <u>LACC welcome page</u>.

Key information:

- Oral argument dates are posted <u>here</u>.
- Parties will be served with a "Notice Setting Cause for Hearing" with their specific hearing date and time.
- Participants wishing to appear remotely must test their equipment before the hearing and <u>log in</u> at least 15 minutes early. Both audio and video are required.

Failure to appear when the case is called will result in a waiver of oral argument, and the appeal will be submitted on the brief(s) of the non-appearing party or parties.

Criminal Division – Phase Two Rollout Begins June 16

Beginning June 16, LACC will be implemented in Criminal courtrooms at the following courthouses:

- Alhambra Courthouse
- Bellflower Courthouse
- Burbank Courthouse
- Downey Courthouse

- El Monte Courthouse
- Glendale Courthouse
- Norwalk Courthouse
- Pasadena Courthouse
- San Fernando Courthouse
- Santa Clarita Courthouse
- Van Nuys Courthouse West
- West Covina Courthouse

Until June 16, remote appearances at these locations will continue to use Webex. After June 16, attorneys and litigants must use LACC by visiting the <u>welcome page</u> and searching by case number, calendar or name under the Criminal litigation type.

The Court's previously announced first phase of the LACC rollout to select criminal courtrooms may be found <u>here</u>.

Additional Resources:

The following resources are available to assist court users in navigating LACC.

- Updated reference guide.
- Video tutorial.
- Technical Specifications Document.
- Webinar conducted by Executive Officer/Clerk of Court David W. Slayton <u>specific to Criminal and</u> <u>Appellate</u>.
- Additional support resources are also available on the LACC welcome page.

The platform promotes convenience and choice, offering audio and video remote appearance options, which eliminate the need for driving, parking, and childcare costs, while saving commute time to courthouses. LACC 3.0 is compatible with Windows PC, macOS, iOS, iPadOS, and Android devices that support Microsoft Teams.

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