

IN THE
COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE
FIFTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

ORDER SUSPENDING IN-PERSON ORAL ARGUMENT

In light of the current public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, to protect the health and safety of the public this court hereby exercises its “ ‘fundamental inherent equity, supervisory, and administrative powers, as well as [its] inherent power to control litigation’ ” before it, and its power “ ‘ “ to adopt any suitable method of practice, both in ordinary actions and special proceedings, if the procedure is not specified by statute or by rules adopted by the Judicial Council” ’ ” (*In re Reno* (2012) 55 Cal.4th 428, 522, quoting *Rutherford v. Owens-Illinois, Inc.* (1997) 16 Cal.4th 953, 967), and adopts the following procedures:

1. In-person oral argument sessions in this court are suspended. Counsel and/or parties appearing in propria persona will appear via CourtCall.
2. All oral argument sessions will be open to the public, but seating will be strictly limited in order to achieve appropriate distancing.

All sessions will continue to be live-streamed on the Fifth District Court of Appeal website.

These adjustments will remain in place until, by further order, it is determined to be prudent to resume normal procedures.



HILL, P.J.