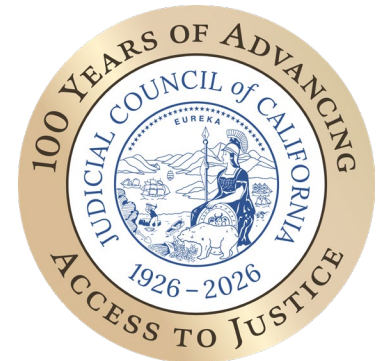


Remote Proceedings Technology Recommendations

Advancing the Hybrid Courtroom
Workstream, Phase 2

August 10, 2026



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Agenda

- **Workstream membership**
- **Background**
- **Areas of focus**
- **Branchwide comment**
- **Advisory committees**
- **Questions**

Workstream members

Various court functions, sizes, and demographics.

Judicial officers	Chief Information Officers and IT professionals
Hon. Samantha P. Jessner, Los Angeles (Executive Sponsor)	Mr. AJ Guzman, Sutter (Executive Sponsor)
Hon. Rebecca Connolly, Santa Cruz	Mr. Jordan Aiken, Los Angeles (formerly Kern)
Hon. Sean Dabel, San Mateo	Mr. Tim Cool (Riverside)
Hon. Charles H. Ervin, Sierra (Presiding Judge)	Mr. Dorian <u>Deveth</u> , Second Appellate District
Hon. Michael S. Groch, San Diego (Presiding Judge)	Mr. Kevin Halton, Monterey
Hon. Kimberly Menninger, Orange	Mr. Luis Olachea, Los Angeles
	Ms. Taylor Perry, Orange
Court executives and administrators	Mr. Marcos Prado, San Mateo
Mr. Jason B. Galkin, Riverside	Mr. Mike Sorensen, San Diego
Ms. Shannon <u>Pedotti</u> , Sierra	Mr. Drew Taylor, Sacramento
Ms. Anaruth Gonzalez, Los Angeles	Mr. Osvaldo Vazquez-Torres, San Diego
Ms. Michelle Jeremiah, Sacramento	Mr. Jason Zigelhofer, Santa Cruz

Background

- Create and annually update a technology playbook.... based on standards promulgated by the Judicial Council.
–Tactical Plan for Technology 2025–2026
- Develop technology standards ... to enable remote proceedings, as per Judicial Council standards and Senate Bill 133 (2023, ch. 34). These standards will be compiled as a technology playbook for courts...and updated annually.
–ITAC Annual Agenda

Guiding principles

- Promote equitable access for all participants
- Maintain judicial decorum
- Use a standards-based approach
- Ensure accurate capture of the record

Purpose

- **Support courts** in selecting and implementing remote proceedings technology
- Provide **practical system architecture** (diagrams and functional descriptions)
- Offer **adaptable recommendations** for each court's needs

Goals

- Provide **actionable current guidance** on equipment selection and best practices
- Suggest **process improvements** to optimize operations and improve the participant experience
- Designs based on the needs of **subject matter experts and users** rather than designers

Areas of focus

- Courtroom operations
- Audio and video
- Displays
- Infrastructure

Standards v. Recommendations

Standards: Mandatory, non-negotiable rules for compliance

- *Judicial Council Minimum Technology Standards for Remote Proceedings* (SB 133).

Recommendations: Best practices that allow flexibility

- *Remote Proceedings Technology Recommendations* are advisory and do not require any action by courts or the Judicial Council beyond what is already mandated by statute or ordered by court.

Branchwide Comment

- **Comment period: April 16–May 1**
- Comments and responses documented in comment chart
- Revisions made based on comments
- Page numbers identify updated sections

Categories of Comments

- Clarify requirements vs. recommendation
- Funding and resource concerns
- Additions or technical corrections

Advisory Committee Briefings

- **March 2026:** Presented draft to the Court Facilities Advisory Committee Working Group
- **July–August 2026:** Share final recommendations with the Trial Court Facilities Modification Advisory Committee and full Court Facilities Advisory Committee

Requested Action

Recommend approval of the
Remote Proceedings Technology
Recommendations for submission to the
Judicial Council.