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Jorge Navarrete Clerk

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

EN BANC

ORDER SUSPENDING IN-PERSON ORAL ARGUMENT AND SETTING
ALL ARGUMENT SESSIONS AT THE COURT'S SAN FRANCISCO
HEADQUARTERS

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 will appear remotely via video conference, by telephone conference, or by other electronic means.

2. All oral argument sessions will be held in the California Supreme Court's San Francisco Headquarters courtroom. The sessions will be open to the public, but seating will be strictly limited in order to achieve appropriate distancing.

All sessions are, and will continue to be, live-streamed on the Judicial Branch website.

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

It is so ordered.

Cantil-Sakauye
Chief Justice

Chin, J.

Associate Justice

Corrigan, J.

Associate Justice

Liu, J.

Associate Justice

Cuéllar, J.

Associate Justice

Kruger, J.

Associate Justice

Groban, J.

Associate Justice