

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF VENTURA

Tentative Ruling

2025CUPA046389: SAUNDRA MCLESTER vs NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION, et al.
02/04/2026 in Department 44
Motion to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice

Effective **January 5, 2026**, Judge Charmaine H. Buehner and all cases previously assigned to Department J4 at the Juvenile Justice Center in Oxnard transferred to Department 44, located at the Hall of Justice, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California 93009.

Department Rules. Parties and counsel shall follow the Department 44 rules and Zoom protocols, available at <https://ventura.courts.ca.gov/department-44>.

Remote Appearances. The Court allows Zoom appearances as a courtesy to parties and counsel. The Court does not accommodate Court Call appearances.

BEFORE FEBRUARY 23, 2026: Provide notice of your intent to appear remotely via Zoom by 4 p.m. the court day before each hearing by email at courtroom44@ventura.courts.ca.gov, with a subject line that includes “NOTICE TO APPEAR VIA ZOOM.”

ON AND AFTER FEBRUARY 23, 2026: Register for each court appearance by 4:00 p.m. the day before your hearing: <https://ventura-courts-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/iqN7uhQSQMuOqs-9TQXgEQ>.

You will be denied remote entrance to the hearing if you do not timely notify/register to appear via Zoom by 4:00 p.m. the court day before your hearing. No advance notice is required to appear in person.

Tentative Rulings. Oral argument should address the tentative decision. To submit on the tentative decision, email courtroom44@ventura.courts.ca.gov before 8:00 a.m. on the hearing date, copying all other parties, Use the subject line “SUBMISSION ON TENTATIVE”, [Case Number], [Case Title] and [Party]. If not all parties submit, the hearing will proceed, and the tentative ruling may change.

The Court may adopt, modify or reject the tentative ruling after hearing. The tentative ruling has no legal effect unless and until adopted by the Court.

Motion: Verified Application for *Pro Hac Vice* of W. Chad Stelly

Tentative Ruling:

The Verified Application for *Pro Hac Vice* of W. Chad Stelly will be CONTINUED to allow applicant to present proof of service in accordance with Rule 9.40 (c) that requires service in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure section 1013a “on all parties who have appeared in the cause of action and on the State Bar at its San Francisco office.” While Mr. Wasieleski’s

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declaration indicates that he served the application on the State Bar and paid the necessary fee, the proof of service does not indicate timely service on the State Bar.

In the alternative, the Court will consider presentation of a proof of service at the hearing. In addition, the Court will require applicant to submit a proposed order that includes Mr. Stelly's bar number from the jurisdictions in which he is admitted, his office address, phone number, email address and his certification that he has read and will comply with the local rules and procedures for Department 44.

Counsel for Plaintiff is to give notice of the Court's ruling.