

New Tentative Ruling/Oral argument Procedures

Beginning January 1, 2010 the Civil Departments will institute a new version of Local Rule 7.10.05 which will allow notices of appearance and requests for oral argument of the Court's Tentative Rulings to be made on-line while reviewing those Tentative Rulings rather than having to make a separate court appearance for that purpose. The option of making that notice and request by phone call to the court will remain available both on the Western Slope and at the Lake, so no change in your current practice will be mandated by the new rule.

The change was made in response to a suggestion by Western Slope practitioners who questioned the local requirement of having to make two separate appearances to challenge the Court's Tentative Ruling on Law and Motion matters. This two-appearance procedure affected only the Western Slope and was never implemented at the Lake. For that reason the new procedure is being kicked off as a pilot program for the Western Slope only. If all goes well during the pilot, we'll look into expanding it to include South Lake Tahoe. The initial reaction to test runs by both practitioners and court staff on the Western Slope is that the new system is "really cool", so check it out. You can access the text of the new rule [here](#).