

## Contesting Tentative Rulings in Department 9

The tentative ruling will become the Court's ruling unless by 4:00 p.m. of the court day preceding the hearing, counsel or self-represented parties call the department rendering the decision to request argument and to specify what issues are to be argued. Calling counsel or self-represented parties requesting argument must advise all other affected counsel and self-represented parties by no later than 4:00 p.m. of his or her decision to appear and of the issues to be argued. Failure to timely advise the Court and counsel or self-represented parties will preclude any party from arguing the matter. (*Local Rule 3.43(2) revised effective 1/1/15*) Note: In order to minimize the risk of miscommunication, Dept. 09 prefers and encourages fax or email notification to the department of the request to argue and specification of issues to be argued – with a **strong preference for email notification**. Dept. 09's Fax Number is: 925-608-2691. Dept. 09's email address is: [dept9@contracosta.courts.ca.gov](mailto:dept9@contracosta.courts.ca.gov). Warning: this email address is not be used for any communication with the department except as expressly and specifically authorized by the court. Any emails received in contravention of this order will be disregarded by the court and may subject the offending party to sanctions.

## Courtesy Copies at the Hearing and CourtCall Appearances

If, in compliance with the Local Rules, argument is requested to contest a tentative ruling, parties are to appear personally in court and have ready to present to the court courtesy copies of any papers they intend to refer to during the hearing. Parties may appear via CourtCall on contested matters but on a "listen-only" basis unless otherwise specifically approved by the court in advance of the hearing.