

JUDGE DONOVAN'S TENTATIVE RULING PROCEDURE

The judge issues tentative rulings whenever possible and appropriate prior to the scheduled hearing date. Tentatives are available via the court's website (www.cacb.uscourts.gov). Please do not call chambers to inquire if no tentative has been posted.

In most situations where tentative rulings are issued, an appearance is not required, but any party not in agreement with the tentative ruling may request a hearing at the scheduled time by telephoning Judge Donovan's law clerk at (213) 894-1577 the day before the hearing. If a hearing is requested, that party must notify all other interested parties of its intent to appear at the hearing not later than the business day before the hearing.

If the judge issues a tentative ruling in an uncontested matter and excuses the movant's appearance, but a party appears in court to contest the motion, the judge may either allow the tentative ruling to stand or continue the hearing to allow the absent parties to be heard. If the hearing is continued, the courtroom deputy, Pat Pennington Jones, will call the moving party with the date and time of the continued hearing.

The moving party must either (a) upload an order through L.O.U. or (b) lodge a proposed order at the clerk's filing window. The order must conform to the judge's tentative ruling.

Attorneys are strongly encouraged to upload all orders through L.O.U.