

Special Court Appearances

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TLS regularly appears in the **Humboldt County Superior Court** for out of town attorneys and litigants who are unable to be present for Court hearings, depositions, bankruptcy proceedings, and minor criminal infractions (traffic) cases. Working alone or with [affiliates](#) TLS agrees to represent you, or your clients, for a specific date and time, on a specific matter, with temporary authority to represent you or your clients in Court.

1. Rates

Appearance Fees:

- Case Management Conferences, OSC Hearings -- \$125 flat rate, \$25 each additional appearance set for same date, time, and courtroom.
- Motions and Short-Cause Trials -- \$175 per hour.
- Depositions, Arbitration, Mediation -- \$225 per hour (or by request and quote).
- Bankruptcy Hearings -- \$165 flat rate.
- Hearings/proceedings over one hour -- rates negotiable (by quote).

Additional Costs

Travel outside of Humboldt County; actual cost or standard mileage plus \$50.00 per hour travel time.

Flat rate or one hour minimum fees apply to all appearances.

Photocopies, if required, \$.25 per page.

Over ten pages fax per assignment; \$.35 each page over ten pages.

Crescent City -- Appearance Fee + \$300

Yreka -- Appearance Fee + \$1675

2. Requesting an Appearance and Obtaining Results

To request an appearance:

On the same day of the hearing, TLS will fax (or e-mail at your option) an appearance results form describing the outcome of the hearing, the next court date, rulings and other instructions provided by the Court.

3. Association of Counsel Form

California law requires that a written association of counsel be filed for an attorney who has not appeared in an action to represent a client. Failure to submit an association of counsel can result in sanctions and it is good practice to file a document clearly stating that TLS is

appearing only for the limited purpose of a specific proceeding. You may prepare and submit your own form to TLS or use this partially completed fill-in form.

4. Affiliate Service Bureaus

TLS has an existing business relationship with the following special appearance firms:

- Professional Appearance Group
- Attorneys on Demand
- [Robert L. Ray and Associates](#)
- Alter Ego Appearance Service
- [Hoffman and Pomerantz](#)
- [Ad Hoc Attorney Services](#)
- Law Office of Wm. Gregory Polster
- Lawyers on Call
- California Appearance Services

If you currently contract for special appearances with these firms, you should arrange for an appearance directly with these firms. When making your request, please be sure to request that Stephen Davies be assigned to the matter.