

**Superior Court of California  
County of Riverside**

**Effective February 15, 2022:** pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.672(e), the court adopts Local Rule 5161, Remote Appearances at Non-Evidentiary Hearings in Family Law Cases.

Local Rule 5160, Appearance by Telephone for Family Law Matters, as well as associated form RI-FL679 are suspended until July 1, 2023.

**LOCAL RULE 5161  
REMOTE APPEARANCES AT NON-EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS IN FAMILY LAW  
CASES**

Unless an in-person appearance is expressly ordered by the court or otherwise required by law, attorneys and self-represented litigants intending to appear remotely shall notify all opposing parties of their intention before the hearing. That notice may be given informally, including by telephone, email or text message. No advance notice to the court of the intention to appear remotely is required prior to the date of the hearing.

If for any reason the court determines that an in-person appearance is required, the hearing may be continued to a date at which the parties will be ordered to appear in person.

This rule applies to all non-evidentiary hearings in cases brought under the Family Code. Non-evidentiary hearings are those in which oral testimony will not be received, such as (a) hearings on motions, request for orders and ex-parte applications; (b) case management proceedings such as case status conferences, mandatory settlement conferences and trial readiness conferences; and (c) hearings in response to orders to show cause other than those for contempt.

This rule shall be in effect until July 1, 2023. Local Rule 5160 is suspended until that date.

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