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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

**REMOTE HEARINGS FOR
METROPOLITAN FAMILY LAW, DCSS
AND PROBATE DIVISION
PROCEEDINGS DURING COVID-19
PANDEMIC**

MISCELLANEOUS NO.: STO - 20 - 0021

By Order of the Presiding Judge:

Since March 4, 2020, the State of California has been in a State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19. The Kern County Superior Court is aware of recent rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in Kern County. The Court is attempting to employ all necessary and available emergency protective measures to prevent, mitigate, and respond to the risk of transmission of COVID-19. In an effort to keep all Court users, employees, and judicial officers as safe as possible, effective December 16, 2020 and until further notice all Metropolitan Family Law, DCSS, and Probate Division proceedings will be conducted via remote technology. Attorneys employed by governmental agencies are exempt from this requirement. The Court may also find

1 good cause for any other exemptions from this Order.

2 Instructions for accessing each Metropolitan Family Law Division (Divisions A-E,
3 J1) and Probate Division (P) can be found on the Court's website.

4 Non-court participants should use select the "Audience Stream" under the
5 "Remote Court Hearings" function to access non-confidential proceedings.

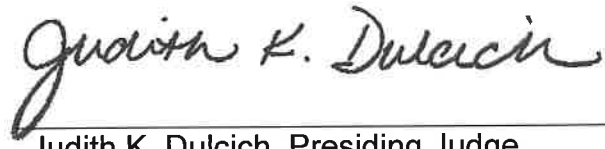
6 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 16, 2020.

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8 **IT IS ORDERED.**

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10 Dated: December 14, 2020.



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12 Judith K. Dulcich, Presiding Judge
13 Kern County Superior Court

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