

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

FILED
KERN COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT

JUN 24 2021

BY  DEPUTY

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

**REMOTE HEARINGS FOR
METROPOLITAN FAMILY LAW (NON-
DCSS) AND PROBATE DIVISION
PROCEEDINGS**

MISCELLANEOUS NO.: STO-21-0006

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. On December 16, 2020, as a result of rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in Kern County, the Court issued an order requiring all Metropolitan Family Law, DCSS, and Probate Division proceedings to be conducted via remote technology.

On June 15, 2021, the Governor of the State of California announced that restrictions that had been in place for the last year were eliminated, including physical distancing, capacity limits, county tier systems and masks in most settings for fully vaccinated individuals.

As a result, effective June 28, 2021, all Metropolitan Family Law (Non-DCSS) and Probate Division proceedings may be conducted via remote technology or in

1 person, at the discretion of the individual judicial officer. The Court may find good
2 cause for any other exemptions from this Order.

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

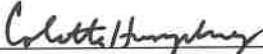
5 Non-court participants must use the "Audience Stream" under the "Remote Court
6 Hearings" function to access non-confidential proceedings.

7 This order supersedes the Court's prior order, *Remote Hearings for Metropolitan*
8 *Family Law, DCSS, and Probate Division Proceedings During COVID-19 Pandemic,*
9 Misc. No. STO-20-0021, issued on December 14, 2020.

10
11 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE JUNE 28, 2021.

12
13 **IT IS ORDERED.**

14
15 Dated: June 24, 2021.

16
17 
18 _____
19 Colette Humphrey, Presiding Judge
20 Kern County Superior Court
21
22
23
24
25