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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: FAMILY LAW IN-PERSON APPEARANCES

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 21.18

Pursuant to the Court's authority under Code of Civil Procedure §128, Government Code §68070, California Rules of Court, rule 10.603 and its inherent powers (*In re Reno* (2012) 55 Cal. 4th 428, 522), the Court herby finds and orders as follows:

Beginning September 14, 2021, the following changes to the Family Law Division go into effect:

Courtrooms 31, 32, 33, 35

In-person courtroom appearance is required for all matters on calendar, including Requests for Orders, Mandatory Settlement Conferences, Ex Parte Hearings, Evidentiary Hearings, and Trials, except as follows:

- Appearance by Zoom is authorized (without the need for prior judicial approval) for a first appearance on a: (1) Request for Order or (2) Ex Parte request for temporary emergency order / TRO under the following conditions ONLY:
    - Request for Order –
        - Any party who is located out of state or 120 miles or more from the courthouse may appear by Zoom. (Attorneys must appear in person.)
        - Any request to appear by Zoom at a subsequent appearance shall be

made to the judicial officer at the first appearance; do not contact the judicial secretary to request the exception.

- Ex Parte request for temporary emergency order/ TRO:
  - Any party who is located out of state or 120 miles or more from the courthouse may appear by Zoom. (The requesting attorney must appear in person).
  - Any attorney who is opposing the ex parte and is out of state or 120 miles or more from the courthouse may appear by Zoom for the ex parte hearing, only.
  - Any request to appear by Zoom at a subsequent appearance shall be made to the judicial officer at the first appearance; do not contact the judicial secretary to request the exception.

- Appearance by Zoom is authorized for Ex Parte Requests for Elder Abuse and/or Domestic Violence Temporary Restraining Orders, where the requesting party is assisted by the Family Justice Center. The requesting party, only, may appear by Zoom.
- Appearance by Zoom is authorized for any party or attorney who has an unexpected illness or unanticipated emergency. Notice must be given to the opposing attorney (or party, if no attorney) and a call must be made to the judicial secretary for the assigned courtroom notifying the court of the emergency precluding personal appearance.

Courtroom 34

In-person courtroom appearance is required for all matters on calendar, except as follows:

- All hearings related to Domestic Violence Restraining Orders where the requesting party is assisted by the Family Justice Center will be conducted by Zoom unless otherwise ordered by the judicial officer.
- All child support cases involving the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) will be conducted by Zoom.

- For Family Law cases that do not involve DCSS:
    - Appearance by Zoom is authorized (without the need for prior judicial approval) for a first appearance on (1) a Request for Order or (2) Ex Parte request for temporary emergency order / TRO under the following conditions:
        - Request for Order –
            - Any party who is located out of state or 120 miles or more from the courthouse may appear by Zoom. (Attorneys must appear in person).
            - Any request to appear by Zoom at a subsequent appearance shall be made to the judicial officer at the first appearance; do not contact the judicial secretary to request the exception.
        - Ex Parte for temporary emergency order/TRO:
            - Any party who is located out of state or 120 miles or more from the courthouse may appear by Zoom. (The requesting attorney must appear in person).
            - Any attorney who is opposing the ex parte and is out of state or more than 120 miles or more from the courthouse may appear by Zoom for the ex parte hearing, only.
            - Any request to appear by Zoom at a subsequent appearance shall be made to the judicial officer at the first appearance; do not contact the judicial secretary to request the exception.
- Appearance by Zoom is authorized for any party or attorney who has an unexpected illness or unanticipated emergency. Notice must be given to the opposing attorney (or party, if no attorney) and a call must be made to the judicial secretary for Department 34 notifying the court of the emergency precluding personal appearance.

Family Court Service Mediations

- All "child custody recommending counseling" sessions (also referred to as "mediations") will be conducted in person unless the parties obtain pre-approval to

appear by Zoom from the assigned judicial officer, the Family Court Services Manager or the Family Court Services Supervisor, except as follows:

- Pre-approval to appear by Zoom is unnecessary for any party who is located out of state or 120 miles or more from the courthouse or for any party who has an unexpected illness or unanticipated emergency. In either situation, the party is to notify Family Court Services before the mediation by calling 805-289-8735.

- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the children's waiting room at the court remains closed. Parties who bring their child (or children) to court must arrange for an adult to watch the child (or children) during the mediation.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, AND IS INTENDED TO REPLACE AND SUPERSEDE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20.43. IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: September 14, 2021

Bruce A. Young
Presiding Judge