

## **Title 5. Family and Juvenile Rules**

### **Division 1. Family Rules**

#### **Chapter 1. General Provisions**

##### **Rule 5.11. Remote appearances**

**(a) Remote hearings.**

Unless otherwise ordered by the court, parties and counsel may appear remotely at status conferences, family centered case resolution conferences, initial status conferences, trial-setting conferences, and settlement conferences. ~~Instructions for remote court appearances are posted on the family law page of the court's website:~~

~~<https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/divisions/family-law>.~~

[RA-010 and 020 are not required for any 5.11\(a\) hearings.](#)

**(b) In-person hearings.**

All hearings not included in subdivision (a) will be conducted in person unless the court orders otherwise. Anyone seeking to appear remotely at a hearing must do the following before the hearing:

- (1) File and serve a Notice of Remote Appearance (form RA-010) and attach a short statement explaining the reason for the request to appear remotely;
- (2) File and serve a proposed Order Regarding Remote Appearance (form RA-020); and
- (3) Provide notice as follows:
  - (A) If the person seeking remote appearance received notice of the proceeding at least 15 court days before the hearing date, the person must file and serve the request and proposed order at least 10 court days before the proceeding.
  - (B) If the person seeking remote appearance received notice of the proceeding fewer than 15 court days before the hearing date, the person must file and serve the request and proposed order

within 24 hours of service of the Notice and proposed Order, set forth in (1) and (2), above.~~as soon as practicable.~~

(4) Unless the Court has granted a remote appearance on an RA-020, or orally during a hearing, a personal appearance is mandatory. Failure to appear in person may result in a continuance and/or the imposition of sanctions.

~~(B)~~

**(c) Objections.**

Any objection to a remote appearance request under subdivision (b) must be filed and served the next court day after service of a notice of remote appearance or order permitting remote appearance, whichever occurs first. A person objecting to a remote appearance must file and serve an Opposition to Remote Proceeding at Evidentiary Hearing or Trial (form RA-015) and proposed Order Regarding Remote Appearance (form RA-020).

**(d) Agreements.**

If parties reach a full agreement on all issues to be addressed at the hearing under subdivision (b), a joint request for remote appearance and proposed order may be filed at any time before the hearing and counsel and/or the parties may appear remotely at the hearing for the express purpose of either notifying the Court that an agreement has been or will be filed or to state the agreement on the record.

*Rule 5.11 proposed amended effective January 1, 2026; adopted effective July 1, 2023.*