

1 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF BUTTE

2 ORDER OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE AFFECTING COURT OPERATIONS

3 FAMILY LAW

Superior Court of California  
County of Butte  
FILED  
JUL 21 2020  
Kimberly Flener, Clerk  
By K. Ray Deputy

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5 The Presiding Judge takes judicial notice of previous findings and orders issued by this court, by  
6 the Judicial Council, by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, and the Office of the Governor  
7 of California and local, state and national Public Health agencies and departments, and does further find  
8 as follows:

9 The public health crisis emanating from the coronavirus and COVID-19 remains a persistent  
10 threat. As of the date of this order, Butte County reports 658 COVID-19 total cases, of which 242 new  
11 cases were reported in the last 7 days, while 141 new cases were reported the seven days prior. This  
12 renders 383 new cases within the last 14 days.

13 Based thereon this court does find that the public health crisis emanating from the coronavirus  
14 and COVID-19, remains a persistent threat that warrants ongoing mitigation measures by this court to  
15 protect the public, litigants, attorneys, staff, court users, and justice partners, and that this public health  
16 crisis presents a real danger to those same individuals if mitigation measures are not put into place by this  
17 court and maintained throughout the crisis.

18 Therefore, this court orders enactment of emergency Local Rule 1.10, requiring telephonic  
19 appearances in the manner as stated therein:

20 1.10 TELEPHONIC APPEARANCES (*Effective 7-1-02, as amended 7-1-08, as amended 4-1-*  
21 *20, as amended 4-23-20, as amended 5-18-20, as amended 7-21-20*)

- 22 (a) Telephonic appearances are generally authorized pursuant to CRC 3.670(c).  
23 (b) The Court designates Court Call as the conference call provider to be used for telephonic  
appearances. (Court Call can be contacted at 1-888-882-6878).

- 24 1. Appearance by Court Call is mandatory for all appearances by Counsel in the following  
Case Types:  
25 A. Civil Limited and Unlimited Law and Motion matters, and Case Management  
Conferences (not including Civil Harassments and Unlawful Detainers)  
26 B. Probate Estates and Conservatorships, excluding LPS Conservatorships  
27 C. Mandatory Civil Settlement Conferences shall be held either by Zoom or Court  
Call at the discretion of the Court. Parties will be contacted by the Court  
approximately one week in advance of the Settlement Conference to confirm  
contact information and finalize remote appearance arrangements  
28 D. Family Law matters excluding Adoption and Department of Child Support Services  
matters.

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- i. Counsel and their client may appear in person in Family Law matters on the following proceedings: Domestic Violence Restraining Orders, Contempt, and Emergency Request for Orders.
  - ii. Parties represented by counsel shall not appear in court unless ordered by the court or requesting an interpreter or an accommodation.
  - iii. Self-represented litigants may appear in person for any Family Law matter.
2. Court Call is strongly encouraged for self-represented litigants but is not required.
3. Rules 1.10(b)(1) – 1.10(b)(3) are adopted as Emergency Rules in response to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic emergency. These subsections shall remain in effect until 90 days after the Governor declares that the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic is lifted, and are thereafter abolished.
- (c) In certain circumstances the Court may allow and/or arrange for parties and/or counsel to appear via videoconference on various matters. The option to appear by video will be offered at the sole discretion of the Court.
- (d) In the event the Court authorizes and provides for a video appearance, any recording of said appearance is prohibited. *(Effective 7-1-02, as amended 7-1-08, as amended 4-1-20, as amended 4-23-20, as amended 5-18-20, as amended 7-21-20)*

**SO ORDERED.**

Date: 7/21/2020

Clare Keithley  
Hon. Clare Keithley  
Presiding Judge