

# MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 8/2/2021  
SUBJECT: INDIAN RIVER COUNTY FAMILY HEARINGS/TRIALS  
RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND AOSC21-17 and 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit's AO21-11

## UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ALL FAMILY COURT PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE CONDUCTED REMOTELY.

Pursuant to FSC AOSC21-17(emphasis added):

(3) Participants who have the capability of participating by electronic means in remote appellate or trial court proceedings **must do so.**

(4)(b) All other trial court proceedings *may be conducted remotely or in person*, except that a proceeding must be conducted in person if the chief judge or presiding judge determines that remote conduct of the proceeding is inconsistent with the United States or Florida Constitution, a statute, or a rule of court, a court order, or an opinion that has not been suspended by administrative order. ***Trial court proceedings shall continue to be remotely conducted, as appropriate, to facilitate the efficient and expeditious processing of cases.*** A complete copy of FSC AOSC21-17 and/or 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit AO 2021-11 is available on Judge Cox's website.

Online scheduling is available at: [https://slccjis.stlucieco.gov/attorney\\_calendar/](https://slccjis.stlucieco.gov/attorney_calendar/). **Testimony is not permitted unless you can be heard AND seen (i.e. videoconferencing).** Notices of Remote Hearing must include the language below:

At the designated time, you will appear through Zoom teleconferencing (without charge) via video by clicking <https://zoom.us/j/6168154963>. **You must appear by VIDEO to provide testimony.** You will remain in the Zoom "waiting room" until your case is called and the Court allows entry. *If you do not have Zoom or internet access, you may appear remotely from Courtroom 6 of the Indian River County Courthouse.*

For scheduling/rescheduling, instructions, and/or other questions or issues, please email [FormA-IR@circuit19.org](mailto:FormA-IR@circuit19.org) (when *neither* party is represented by an attorney) OR [whiteh@circuit19.org](mailto:whiteh@circuit19.org) (when there is an attorney).

Zoom Instructions, Do's & Don'ts Memo, and the Exhibit Policy is available at <http://www.circuit19.org/judges/cynthia-cox-l>. **ALL EVIDENCE MUST BE SCANNED AND EMAILED TO ALL PARTIES AND THE COURT at least 5 business days in advance of your hearing.** Please carefully review the Exhibit Policy to correctly name and submit exhibits.

If you have a dissolution of marriage final hearing, you must scan and email a copy of your Florida driver's license, Florida ID card, voter's registration or Affidavit of Corroborating Witness. To change your name to a former or maiden name, you will need to appear remotely or provide an affidavit of name change.