

## **Family Law Process to Request Remote Appearance**

***For Settlement Conferences and Trials (Pursuant to CA Rules of Court section 3.672(g)(2)):***

1. The party/attorney requesting remote appearance for settlement conference and/or trial may provide notice to the other parties in writing, orally, electronically, or orally in a way reasonably calculated to ensure notice is received at least 10 court days, but no later than 5 court days, before the proceeding.
2. The party/attorney requesting remote appearance must notice the court by filing a *Notice of Remote Appearance* ([form RA-010](#)) at least 10 court days, but no later than 5 court days, before the proceeding by mailing or placing in the court drop box at the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse on 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.
3. *Notice of Remote Appearance* ([form RA-010](#)) may be used to provide proof to the court that notice to the other party(ies) was given.
4. For some proceedings (such as contempt, domestic violence/elder abuse, and trial), other parties to an action may object to remote appearances by filing an *Opposition to Remote Proceeding at Evidentiary Hearing or Trial* (form RA-015), in which case the court will issue a ruling, noticing parties, as to whether an appearance will be conducted remotely or in person.

## **Family Law Process to Oppose Remote Appearance**

***For Contempt, Domestic Violence/Elder Abuse and Trials (Pursuant to CA Rules of Court section 3.672(h)(3)(A)):***

1. A party opposing a remote appearance in a contempt, domestic violence/elder abuse or trial proceeding shall serve and file an *Opposition to Remote Proceeding at Evidentiary Hearing or Trial* ([form RA-015](#)) at least 5 court days, but no later than 1 court day, before the proceeding at the Williams R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse on 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826, by drop box or US Mail. For a contempt or domestic violence/elder abuse proceeding, the Opposition form RA-015 should be addressed to the respective court department. For a trial proceeding, the Opposition form RA-015 should be addressed to the Supervising Judge's court department.
2. The court will issue a written *Order Regarding Remote Appearance* (form RA-020), noticing parties whether appearing remotely is allowed or not; or may choose to present an oral order at the hearing. If Order form RA-020 is not received from the court prior to the court hearing, parties can assume the court will provide an oral order at hearing, and parties can appear remotely until the court issues formal ruling on the objection.