



Placer County Superior Court Family Law and Family Support Telephonic Hearing Types

People who have family law cases are permitted to attend some court appearances by telephone instead of being in court personally. If you would like to appear by telephone for your case, please check the chart below to see if telephone appearances are allowed for the type of hearing that is scheduled. For some hearing types, a judicial officer’s approval is required.

- ***If no judicial approval is required, you may sign up directly for a telephone appearance.***
- If judicial approval is required for a telephone appearance, a party must file Placer County Superior Court Local Form No. PL-FL016 in a Family Law matter, and Judicial Council form number FL-679 in a Family Support matter, to request to attend a court hearing by telephone.
- After the party files the form, the court will notify the requesting party if the request is denied.
- The party may proceed to sign up for the telephone appearance until the party hears from the court.
- If the request is denied, the party making the request to appear by telephone will need to cancel the appointment online and appear in person, if they wish to participate in the hearing.

Telephone appearances are authorized as follows: *(As for those hearings where a telephone appearance is not allowed, the judicial officer always has the discretion to allow a telephone appearance upon request by a party based on the individual requester’s situation and the information presented.)*

FAMILY LAW

Hearing Type	Telephonic Allowed	Judicial Approval Required
Emergency Request Hearing	Yes	No
Request for Order Hearing	Yes	No
Motion Hearing	Yes	No
O.S.C. Hearing (Domestic Violence Restraining Orders)	No (Restrained Party) Yes (Protected Party)	N/A (Restrained Party) Yes (Protected Party)
Review or Compliance Hearings	Yes	No
Return after Mediation (Tier 1, 2, 3 or FC§3111)	Yes	No
Further Proceedings	Yes	No
Review Hearing	Yes	No
Trial Assignment Conference	Yes	No
Trial Confirming Conference	Yes	No
Mandatory Settlement Conference	Yes	Yes
Order for Examination Hearing	Yes	Yes
Family Centered Case Resolution Status Conference	Yes	No
Default/Court Judgment	Yes	Yes
Court Trial: Long Cause	No	N/A
UCCJEA hearing	Yes	No
Contempt	No	N/A



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FAMILY SUPPORT

Hearing Type	Telephonic Allowed	Judicial Approval Required
Review	Yes	No
Court Trial: Short Cause	Yes	No
Motion Hearing/Request for Order	Yes	No
Probation Review	*Sometimes	Yes

**The court may give conditional approval to appear telephonically for a probation review hearing if the person is in compliance with their terms of probation. The court may decline to allow the person to participate by phone and instead require personal appearance if he or she has not been granted conditional approval or has, but is not in compliance with their terms of probation.*

If you have questions about your hearing type, you may call the Family Law/Support Unit at 916-408-6000.