

## STANDING ORDER BENNINGTON CIVIL DIVISION

Paragraph 5 of Administrative Order 49 concerning remote hearings was deleted effective September 6, 2022. The Reporter's Notes regarding the change provided that remote participation in civil/environmental/probate/most family proceedings will be governed by existing VRCP 43.1, subject to any changes that might result from the work of the Special Advisory Committee on Remote Hearings. The Advisory Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure is currently considering amendments to VRCP 43.1 that the Special Advisory Committee on Remote Hearings has recommended.

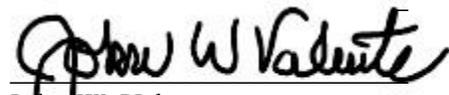
VRCP 43.1(c)(3) and (4) presently provide that a court may require remote participation and that a judge may preside from a remote location in an order served on all parties. Until further notice, any Notice of Hearing in a case in this division that specifies that a hearing is remote is sufficient to give the required notice under VRCP 43.1(c)(3) and (4). It is anticipated that the following hearings do not require in person participation by the parties, such that they may participate remotely without the need for a motion are:

- status conferences;
- discovery conferences;
- non-evidentiary motions hearings;
- rent escrow hearings;
- eviction damages hearings;
- collection hearings;
- small claims hearings;
- stalking hearings; and
- pretrial conferences.

However, parties should review their hearing notice to determine whether a hearing is to be held in person or remotely. The individual hearing notice supersedes this standing order. A party may always file a motion, stipulated or otherwise, indicating a request to attend in person or remotely. If the motion is stipulated that should be noted in the motion.

This standing order shall take effect immediately. However, the Court anticipates that a transition to the routines set forth in this standing order will be required for the month of October. The Court expects that by October 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be compliance with the terms above by all parties.

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John W. Valente  
Superior Court Judge