

Attendance Rules for the Newfane Courthouse

Litigants should note that we have air filtration in Newfane, but not an HVAC system. Therefore, we are not conducting jury trials nor having large groups into that courthouse. Generally speaking, we only have security for in person hearings on Mondays and Fridays. We are making arrangements on some other days. If your hearing is not on a Monday or a Friday you should check carefully to make sure you know whether it is a live hearing or a remote hearing.

1. Status conferences, uncontested divorces, and other non-evidentiary hearings will be remote. If the courthouse is open we will allow someone to attend the hearings live.
2. Evidentiary hearings should be scheduled on live hearing days, and the court expects parties and witnesses to be present.
3. If someone is scheduled for a live hearing and a party or a witness would like to appear by Webex, the party shall file a motion for remote attendance stating the good cause for why the party or witness should be permitted to participate remotely. The request will be evaluated based on Rule 43.1 criteria.
4. PCR and Habeas petitions will be set remotely absent a motion for live attendance.
5. Due to time and scheduling constraints, stalking cases, rent escrow hearings, and emergency hearings may need to be scheduled on a remote hearing day.

The judge normally hears cases in the courthouse; however, it is possible that on a remote case the judge may be hearing the case from an alternate location or a different courthouse.



Michael R. Kainen
Superior Court Judge
Pursuant to V.R.E.F. 9(d)(1)(D).
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