



STANDING ORDER REGARDING REMOTE AND IN-PERSON HEARINGS

Pursuant to the Vermont Rules of Family Procedure 17, the court enters the following order:

**DOMESTIC, RELIEF FROM ABUSE (RFA) AND CHILD IN NEED OF CARE OR SUPERVISION (CHINS) CASES:**

Pursuant to Rule 43.1(c)(1)(A) of the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure, it is ordered that all nonevidentiary hearings in domestic, RFA and CHINS cases are scheduled as hybrid hearings. Parties and/or attorneys may appear in person for any remote hearing without requesting permission to do so. Pursuant to Rule 43.1(d)(1)(A), it is ordered that, for evidentiary hearings scheduled for one hour or longer in length, parties, attorneys and witnesses must appear in person unless permission is granted to appear remotely pursuant to V.R.C.P. 43.1(d)(2). Pursuant to Rule 43.1(d)(1)(A), it is ordered that evidentiary hearings scheduled for less than one hour and all RFA hearings (including RFA motion hearings) are to be scheduled as hybrid hearings. Absent an exception for good cause, Attorneys are required to appear in person for any evidentiary hearing, regardless of the length, where their client appears in person.

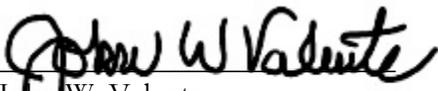
**DELINQUENCY AND YOUTHFUL OFFENDER CASES:**

Until further notice and subject to the standards set out in Administrative Order 47, any Notice of Hearing in a delinquency case that specifies that a hearing is remote shall constitute the required notice. Parties and/or attorneys may appear in person for any remote hearing without requesting permission to do so.

Pursuant to Rule 43.1(d)(1)(A), it is ordered that, for evidentiary hearings scheduled for one hour or longer in length, parties, attorneys and witnesses must appear in person unless permission is granted to appear remotely pursuant to V.R.C.P. 43.1(d)(2). Evidentiary hearings and any nonevidentiary hearing where the presence of the subject youth is required by law shall be held in person unless the parties agree to a remote hearing.

This order shall take effect as of January 1, 2024.

Electronically Signed 11/30/2023 4:39 PM pursuant to V.R.E.F. 9(d)

  
John W. Valente  
Superior Court Judge