

ORDER: IN PERSON AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN DOMESTIC AND CRIMINAL HEARINGS IN  
CALEDONIA AND ESSEX COUNTIES

As many people are aware, several emergency provisions promulgated by Administrative Order (AO) 49 have now been rescinded by amendment dated August 9, 2022 and effective September 6, 2022. Remote hearings are governed by AO 38 and V.R.C.P. 43.1.

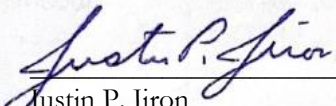
Effective Monday, September 19, 2022, the Caledonia and Essex County Courts will require all attorneys, defendants, witnesses or other necessary persons to appear in person for arraignments and evidentiary hearings in all criminal cases except where the defendant has moved to waive arraignment and excuse their appearance in advance. Evidentiary hearings may be conducted remotely upon motion and agreement of the parties. In non-evidentiary hearings and other hearings where the defendant's presence is not required by law (See V.R.Cr.P. Rule 43), attorneys, defendants and other necessary persons may, but are not required to, appear remotely. Defendants who are lodged will continue to appear remotely for arraignment.

In domestic matters (divorce, separation, parentage), attorneys, witnesses and parties may continue to appear remotely in evidentiary and non-evidentiary hearings. If any party objects to another party or witness appearing remotely they may object by filing a motion no less than 14 days in advance of the hearing. The Court on its own may direct the parties to appear in person depending on the anticipated length and relative complexity of the hearing.

Any person appearing remotely will do so with audio and video on.

So ordered.

Electronically signed on September 16, 2022, pursuant to V.R.E.F. 9(d)

  
Justin P. Jiron  
Superior Court Judge