

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT  
FAMILY DIVISION  
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**Standing Order Regarding Remote Magistrate Hearings in  
Washington, Orleans, Caledonia, and Essex Units**

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 most family proceedings will be governed by existing Rule 43.1 of the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure, until new rules for remote proceedings are issued.

Rule 43.1 provides that a court may require remote participation, and that a judge may preside from a remote location, in an order served on all parties. V.R.C.P. 43.1(c)(3) and (4). Until further notice, any Notice of Hearing for a Magistrate proceeding in the above units that specifies that the hearing will be remote is sufficient to give the required notice, subject to the right of a party to object within 5 days of the order for virtual participation.

Parties, attorneys, and witnesses who wish to appear in person may appear in person for any remote hearing before the Magistrate without requesting permission to do so.

At times, the hearing may be held solely remotely or solely in person. Please check your hearing notice. If you have any questions pertaining to in person or remote attendance, please contact the Clerk's Office for the specific docket in question.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alicia S. Humbert".

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Alicia S. Humbert  
Family Division Magistrate, Vermont Superior Court

October 13, 2022