

STANDING ORDER: IN PERSON AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN DOMESTIC AND CRIMINAL HEARINGS IN
CALEDONIA AND ESSEX COUNTIES – Amended April 12, 2023

On February 13, 2023 the State Court Administrator and Chief Superior Judge promulgated the attached “Judiciary Directive for Public Access to Court Proceedings” (Administrative Directive No. TC-3). The Directive provides that the public is entitled to attend hearings held remotely by Webex, but where a hearing is “in person” only, there will no longer be Webex access.

Effective Monday, April 17, 2023, the Caledonia and Essex County Courts will continue to require all attorneys, defendants, witnesses or other necessary persons to appear in person for arraignments and evidentiary hearings 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.

As noted above, the Court will only provide Webex access to hearings where a party or necessary person is appearing remotely. Webex access will not be provided for hearings where all parties and necessary persons are appearing in person.

So ordered.

Electronically signed on April 12, 2023, pursuant to V.R.E.F. 9(d)


Justin P. Jiron
Superior Court Judge