



THE SUPREME COURT
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Title:

Practice Direction

Manner of Attendance for Case Planning Conferences and Judicial Management Conferences

Summary:

This practice direction provides that the default manner of attendance at a case planning conference (CPC) and a judicial management conference (JMC) in civil and family proceedings is by video.

Direction:

Manner of attendance

1. Despite Rule 5-2(3) of the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* and Rule 7.1-2(3) of the *Supreme Court Family Rules*, the default manner of attendance for CPCs and JMCs is by video.
2. Links for video conferences are sent to parties and counsel by email. A party must include an email address for every participant on the notice of case planning conference that is filed in respect of a CPC, and on the requisition that is filed in respect of a JMC.
3. A party or counsel may apply to change the manner of attendance at a CPC following the procedure in the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* or the *Supreme Court Family Rules*. A party or counsel who seeks to change the manner of attendance at a JMC must file a requisition in the form attached as Appendix A.

Requirements for remote attendance

4. When appearing remotely by video, parties and counsel must comply with the requirements set out in [Administrative Notice 18 – General Requirements for Microsoft Teams Video Hearings](#), including observing the appropriate formality and decorum for a court proceeding.

Ron A. Skolrood
Chief Justice

APPENDIX A

[Style of Proceeding]

REQUISITION – METHOD OF ATTENDANCE AT JUDICIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Filed by:[party(ies)]..... Required:

Order to permit attendance [] in person or by way of [] video conference or [] telephone by
[name of lawyer or party] at the judicial management conference on [date]
at [location].....

This order/relief is sought because:

[Set out the reasons why the order or relief is sought]

Position of the other party(ies):

[State whether other parties have a position with respect to this application]

Contact information and role for any person whose participation is to be by video conference or
telephone: [Provide e-mail address and telephone number]

Role [Select]

[] Counsel of Record

[] Alternate Counsel

[] Party

[] Other/Non-Party[please specify].....

Date:

Signature of [] filing party [] lawyer for filing
party(ies)

.....[type or print name].....

ORDER BY ENDORSEMENT (to be completed by a judge or associate judge)

Order granted [] / refused []

Conditions or directions:

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Endorsed:

Judge/Associate Judge

Date