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## **PRESIDING JUDGE ERIC C. TAYLOR ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, VIDEO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REMOTE COURTROOM APPEARANCES IN ALL FAMILY LAW MATTERS EXCEPT AB 1058 (CHILD SUPPORT)**

**Effective Monday, March 1, 2021**, video will be available for remote courtroom appearances via LACourtConnect (LACC) for all Family Law case types, except AB 1058 (Child Support) hearings, Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor announced today. (Child Support court hearings will continue to be conducted by conventional telephone appearance.)

"The innovation of the LACourtConnect video platform will further expand the opportunity for litigants, counsel and witnesses to participate remotely in their Family Law proceedings to avoid in-person court appearances," Presiding Judge Taylor said. "The Court continues to encourage litigants, counsel and witnesses to consider using LACC for remote courtroom appearances."

Parties were allowed to appear remotely in Family Law cases by audio but as of March 1, judicial approval will no longer be required to appear by video. Audio appearances will continue to be available for all Family Law hearings.

Beginning February 27th, **attorneys and parties** may schedule video (or audio only) remote courtroom appearances for hearings on or after March 1 in these courthouses: Chatsworth, Compton, Governor George Deukmejian (Long Beach), Inglewood, Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley, Pasadena, Pomona, Santa Monica, Stanley Mosk, Torrance, Van Nuys East and Whittier. Advance scheduling is available up to two hours before the scheduled time of the hearing.

To learn more about LACC or to register to appear for a hearing, visit:

<https://my.lacourt.org/laccwelcome>.

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## **LACC VIDEO FOR FAMILY LAW 2-2-2-2**

Part of the Court's *Here For You | Safe For You* initiative, LACC provides a safe and convenient alternative to in-person appearances. LACC allows parties to appear in court via video or audio, without having to come to court for appearances in Civil, Family Law, Probate, Small Claims and Traffic arraignments.

LACC provides the following benefits:

- Promotes convenience and choice through cost-effective audio and video options;
- Reduces the number of court visitors, which assists with social distancing protocols;
- Eliminates driving and parking costs; and
- Saves commute time to courthouses.

Information on *Here For You | Safe For You* can be found [here](#) and on Twitter ([@LASuperiorCourt](#)).



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