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## **LACOURTCONNECT UPDATE: 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. (Child Support court hearings may be conducted by conventional telephone appearance.)

Prior judicial approval will no longer be required to appear by video for Family Law court appearances as of March 1.

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: Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley, Chatsworth, Compton, Governor George Deukmejian (Long Beach), Inglewood, Stanley Mosk, Pasadena, Pomona, Santa Monica, Torrance, Van Nuys East and Whittier. Advance scheduling is available up to two hours before the scheduled time of the hearing.

Follow these steps to use LACC, which allows you to participate in your hearing remotely:

**STEP ONE -- IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, CREATE YOUR COURT IDENTITY ON THE NEW ATTORNEY PORTAL. IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A COURT ID, GO TO STEP 2.**

- Visit the Court website's [Here For You | Safe For You](#) page.
- At the [Attorney Portal](#), create your online Court identity (your Court ID). It's a one-time process.

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Your Court ID is a single sign-in credential that provides access to basic features of the Attorney Portal, including quick and easy access to LACC. An optional Attorney Portal subscription unlocks advanced features to make your jobs easier and more efficient.

### **STEP TWO -- SCHEDULE YOUR REMOTE APPEARANCE BEGINNING February 27, 2021**

As of February 27, 2021 video appearances may be scheduled for Family Law matters, except AB 1058 hearings, for cases on calendar on or after March 1, 2021.

A Help Center on the Attorney Portal pages provides full instructions at this link (<https://my.lacourt.org/attorney/#/guides/full>), technical specifications at this link (<https://my.lacourt.org/attorney/#/guides/techspec>) and contact information for obtaining assistance.

### **STEP THREE -- PARTICIPATE IN YOUR REMOTE HEARING BEGINNING MARCH 1**

- Sign in at least 15 minutes before the scheduled hearing by using the link (for video appearances) or calling the number (for audio only) provided in the confirmation email you receive when you schedule the appearance.
- To improve your remote appearance experience and to ensure delays in the hearing do not occur, please test your equipment in advance as noted in the Quick Reference Guide at this link (<https://www.lacourt.org/documents/LACCQuickReference.pdf>).

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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