

Four Things Attorneys Should Know About Probate Department's Operations during COVID-19 Pandemic and the Court's Restrictions

1. For ALL cases to be set in April and May and until further notice, all Orders For Hearing must include the following statement:

The notice shall contain the following statement: "If you wish to participate in the hearing by video or conference call, please contact Division 15 at 913-715-3890 before the date of the hearing. Should you fail to do so, the Court will proceed and enter such orders as the Court determines appropriate."

2. Division 15 will schedule all GC and AD cases for a video conference, unless contested. If a GC or AD case is contested, the hearings will be continued until after we can have in person hearings, unless all parties and witnesses can appear, consent to appear and hold the evidentiary hearing by video conference.
3. For PR cases, hearings will be scheduled for non-appearance, unless the attorney or a party asks for a video conference or conference call. Please make sure you, as Petitioner or counsel, include the information from Item #1 above on the order for hearing you submit.
4. If an attorney wants a video conference or conference call, Division 15's Administrative Assistant will set up the video/conference call and you will receive an email inviting you to attend. Please gather all emails for all participants that the attorney wants to include in the conference. The AA will send an invite via email to all persons that will attend.
 - a. NOTE: If the attorney does not ask for a video conference or conference call, but after notice is given the attorney receives an invite to participate. You should presume someone else has asked to attend by video or call, so the attorney must accept the invitation to join the conference.