



3. A party seeking an alternate method of attendance from what they have received from the court registry must make an application to a judge.
4. Parties are encouraged to use Microsoft Teams videoconference when attending remotely where videoconference is available. For every Microsoft Teams proceeding, a dial-in conference number will also be provided so that parties can participate by telephone if they are unable to do so by videoconference or if their video connection fails during the proceeding.
5. Parties and Counsel must read and comply with:
  - a. the Policy on [Use of Electronic Devices in Courtrooms](#) and [Access to Court Proceedings](#) Policy; and
  - b. [NP 21 Virtual Proceedings and Remote Attendance by the Provincial Court](#) including the requirement for Counsel to use their cameras unless there is technical or other reason why they are unable to do so, in which case they must advise the Court at the commencement of the proceedings.

#### History of Practice Direction

- Original practice direction effective January 4, 2022.

I make this practice direction pursuant to my authority under the *Provincial Court Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 379, and Rule 160 and Rule 163.1(2) of the *Provincial Court Family Rules*, B.C. Reg. 120/2020.

Melissa Gillespie  
Chief Judge  
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