



- a. family duty counsel and counsel for Parents Legal Centres (by videoconference); and
  - b. designated representatives of a First Nation, an Indigenous community, a Treaty First Nation or the Nisga'a Lisims Government if they do not intend to call their own evidence (by audioconference or videoconference).
4. For any other CFCSA appearance not specified in section 1 above, the default method of attendance will be hybrid. "Hybrid" means participants may attend court either in person or remotely without having to make an application (and no advance notice is required).
5. For remote attendance at any CFCSA proceedings by MS Teams, counsel are required and parties are strongly encouraged to use videoconferencing. For every MS Teams proceeding, a dial-in conference number will also be provided so that participants can participate by telephone if they are unable to do so by videoconference or if their video connection fails during the proceeding.
6. Participants must read and comply with:
- a. The [Policy on Use of Electronic Devices in Courtrooms](#) and [Access to Court Proceedings Policy](#) for all CFCSA proceedings, including the general prohibition on the recording or broadcasting of court proceedings unless authorized by the Court; and
  - b. [NP 21 Remote Attendance in the Provincial Court](#).

**History of Practice Direction**

- Original practice direction effective July 18, 2022.
- December 19, 2022. Revised title and other amendments consequential to the Revised CFCSA Rules per OIC 559/2022 and OIC 676/2022.

I make this practice direction pursuant to my authority under Rule 9(2) of the CFCSA Rules and the *Provincial Court Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 79.

Melissa Gillespie  
Chief Judge  
Provincial Court of British Columbia