

4.12 Telephone Appearances: Telephone appearances for family law matters must comply with California Rules of Court, Rule 5.9, as follows:

- a. This rule applies to all family law cases, except for actions for child support involving a local child support agency. Rule 5.324 governs telephone appearances in governmental child support cases.
- b. Telephone appearance: Upon written request at least three (3) court days prior to the hearing, conference, or proceeding, the Court may permit a party to appear by telephone at a hearing, conference, or proceeding, if the Court determines that a telephone appearance is appropriate.
- c. Need for personal appearance:
 1. At its discretion, the Court may require a party to appear in person at a hearing, conference, or proceeding if the Court determines that a personal appearance would materially assist in the determination of the proceedings or in the effective management or resolution of the particular case.
 2. If, at any time during a hearing, conference, or proceeding conducted by telephone, the Court determines that a personal appearance is necessary, the Court may continue the matter and require a personal appearance. (Adopted 1/1/15.)