

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY DIVISION
STANDING ORDER
RE: REMOTE MEDIATION

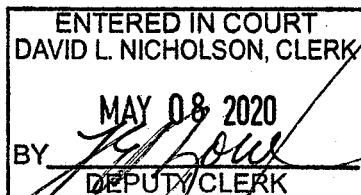
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that while the COVID-19 pandemic emergency protocols are in place, all attorneys must follow Jefferson Family Court orders to attend mediation by participating in remote mediation, using available technology, such as Skype or Zoom.

This requirement is meant to ensure compliance with the Kentucky Supreme Court Order 2020-28, as amended April 24, 2020, which states, in relevant part:

Sec. 8. To the extent possible and consistent with social distancing practices, attorneys should continue to prepare and litigate cases during the effective dates of this Order, including providing discovery, negotiating possible resolutions, filing motions and conducting investigations, for the purpose of minimizing delay in bringing cases to trial or resolution upon the expiration of this Order.

This Order applies to all Jefferson County Family Court orders for mediation, whether issued prior to or during the pandemic emergency period. This Order will not end on June 1, 2020, but shall be in effect until remanded or amended by further order. Counsel and parties should anticipate that this order shall continue while social distancing guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic are in place for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Counsel and parties may, by agreement, participate in in-person mediation, observing current social distancing and other safety guidelines in place for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Tara Hagerty

TARA HAGERTY, CHIEF JUDGE
JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY DIVISION

5/8/20

DATE