

# Access to the Family Law Courts: It's Complicated

Since March 2020, we've all been deeply affected by the restrictions on daily activity resulting from COVID-19. Social distancing and health precautions have also affected the courts. Specifically, family law courtrooms in many counties have remained closed to the public, with court appearances being made remotely on video platforms.

While there's been some benefit of more access to the courts by remote appearances, additional complications have been created. Management of cases, filing documents and getting these important records to the courtroom in advance of hearings have become problematic. In a few of our counties, there's been an attrition of qualified and experienced court personnel, placing an additional burden on processing family law cases.

To best navigate the family law departments and have your urgent matters heard, representation by an experienced family law attorney is essential. The outcome of your family law case can largely depend on your ability to navigate through the court system saddled with its current personnel and access issues.



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Since March 20, 2020, the courts have maintained remote hearings in most family law jurisdictions and will continue to do so until further notice.

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