

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

**DOUGLAS COUNTY JUVENILE COURT STANDING ORDER REGARDING VIRTUAL
ATTENDANCE**

This Order creates and adopts a Standing Order for Virtual Attendance in all Juvenile Dependency cases.

Hearings where **virtual attendance is permitted** are as follows:

- (a) Disposition Hearing
- (b) Initial Review Hearing (75 Day Review)
- (c) Periodic Review Hearing (4 Month Review)
- (d) Permanency Planning Hearing
- (e) Subsequent Permanency Plan Hearing (Post Permanency Review)

Exception: Virtual attendance at any of the above-listed hearings is subject to any objections by the parties. If a request to be in-person is made, then all parties and their attorneys shall appear in person.

Hearings where **in person attendance is required** are as follows:

- (a) Preliminary Protective Hearing
- (b) Adjudication Hearing
- (c) Termination of Parental Rights Hearing
- (d) Motion Hearings

Exception: Preliminary Protective Hearings and Adjudication Hearings may be virtual if all of the parties have agreed to appear virtually, and there is a consent to the issues. If there are contested issues, the hearing shall be in person.

If a party or witness cannot appear in-person for a specific reason, the requesting party or their attorney shall submit a written request to the juvenile court clerk email (juvenilecourtclerk@douglascountyga.gov) for virtual appearance at least 24 hours in advance, and the Court shall issue decisions on a case-by-case basis.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 19TH DAY OF APRIL 2024.



THE HONORABLE MICHELLE G. HARRISON
Chief Judge, Douglas County Juvenile Court