

**IN-PERSON AND REMOTE APPEARANCES BEFORE THE FAMILY DIVISION
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT – BREVARD COUNTY, AS OF 10/1/2024**

Effective October 1, 2024, the Family Division will be implementing some policy changes concerning in-person and remote hearings.

1. All of the family division Judges: except for matters set for 30 minutes or less, all hearings will be in person; remote participation may be permitted but requires leave of court obtained in advance.
2. General Magistrate Kurt Erlenbach:
 - a. All trials and matters set for more than one (1) hour will be in person unless Mr. Erlenbach approves participation remotely in advance.
 - b. All matters set for one (1) hour or less will be conducted remotely.
3. General Magistrate Kristen Smith-Rodriguez: all matters set for thirty (30) minutes or less will be conducted remotely; all other matters will be in person unless Ms. Smith-Rodriguez approves remote participation in advance.
4. General Magistrate Sandra Valentin: except for non-evidentiary matters set for fifteen (15) minutes or less, all hearings will be in person unless Ms. Valentin approves remote participation in advance.