

KINGS COUNTY MATRIMONIAL PARTS DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY

(Effective April 13, 2020)

Kings County Matrimonial Virtual Chambers may be reached via email:

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The virtual matrimonial chambers will be sending out notices of conference appearances for counsel or counsel and self-represented litigants for all cases in the part inventory over the next few weeks.

The requirement that parties must appear for all conferences is waived. Counsel may ask the Court in advance if their clients may attend on notice to all sides. The court in its discretion will rule on the application.

Each part will be conducting conference calendars daily. During this phase conferences ONLY are being entertained. These email addresses cannot be utilized for *ex parte* communications, filing of motions or orders to show cause or submission of orders and judgments. Applications to have an issue deemed essential must continue to be made to Part 72.

All attorneys or self-represented litigants must be copied on ALL e-mail communication to the Court.

All requests for conferences must be accompanied by a brief statement (ie, “parenting access issue”, “pendente lite issue”, “discovery issue”, “post-judgment financial non-compliance issue”, etc.) regarding the reason for the conference. These statements should be BRIEF and are not intended to be detailed factual statements.

The initial request for a virtual conference must include the name of the case and index number as well as the name of all attorneys (including any attorney for the children) and/self-represented litigants together with their telephone numbers and email addresses. You must specify if there

are any orders of protection in any court or Article 10 proceedings pending or open ACS investigations or reports filed.

Each virtual conference will be assigned a date and specific time slot.

The virtual conferences will be held by skype for business/over the telephone. When requesting a virtual conference, please indicate what technical resources you have. The Unified Court System will not utilize Zoom or Face Time. Attorneys may be asked to make arrangements for a telephone conference call and provide a conference call ID number. If the conference is by skype the Court will send out the skype invitation.

There may be NO recordings of conferences by counsel to the litigants or the litigants. Recording of conferences could result in sanctions.

DO NOT COME TO 360 Adams Street or 320 Jay Street for conferences.

As this emergency situation evolves this notice will be updated periodically. More information about the New York Courts can be found at www.nycourts.gov