

President's Guidance on Decrees during the Coronavirus Pandemic

During the Coronavirus Pandemic it will not be possible for decrees nisi, decrees of judicial separation, conditional orders and separation orders to be heard in public.

Pursuant to FPR Rule 7.16 (3)(f) such hearings will take place in private but will be recorded so that any member of the public or the press may apply for a transcript.

FPR Rule 7.21 still applies so that any party who wishes to be heard on a question as to costs must give written notice to the court and serve that notice on every other party not less than 14 days before the hearing; nobody should attend the court hearing.

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President of the Family Division

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