

Hi, I'm Amanda,
Judicial Assistant to
Judge Mary Evans
with answers to
questions I am asked
each week.

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Q. I don't want to see my Ex. Can I attend the hearing via Zoom?

A. *Pre-Trial Conferences, Calendar Calls, and short discovery motions are usually scheduled via Zoom. Lengthy evidentiary hearings are usually in person because evidence must be given directly to the Clerk. Also, there are no connection issues with in-person hearings – family topics are too important to be interrupted by poor connectivity.*

Q. I just filed a petition* and the Clerk told me to call you for a hearing date.

A. *You don't go straight to a hearing. You should be contacted by Case Management within about four weeks of the date you filed your petition. Your Case Manager will assist you with the process.*

Q. How do I speak to the Judge about my case?

A. *I am asked this question daily...you cannot speak to the Judge about your case – that's what hearings are for.*

Q. I need to set a hearing, what do I do?

A. *Send an e-mail telling me what motion you want a hearing on and how much time you need for the hearing. Don't forget to include your case number! My e-mail address is alang@ca.cjis20.org*

Q. My hearing was a month ago and I still don't have an order. How long will it take?

A. *The Judge tries to write and process orders as quickly as possible. This office handles hundreds of orders each month, sometimes it takes the Judge a good amount of time to get through them.*

Q. I just filed a petition* and don't know what to do next.

A. *Judicial Assistants can't help with this, neither can the Clerks of Court. Look in the highlighted box, below, for very basic instructions on how to move your case along. Click here for an immediate [link](#).*