

1 the Superior Court of Guam, Video Conferencing In the Courtroom for Certain Juvenile
2 Proceedings as follows:

3 **I. Video Conferencing in Certain Juvenile Proceedings:**

- 4 A. The Family Court may, except as provided in (2), use video conferencing
5 technology in the first appearance of a juvenile, who is in custody, before a Judge
6 of the Family Court.
- 7 B. The Family Court may order the personal appearance of a juvenile in court for a
8 proceeding governed by section (1) upon a finding of good cause.
- 9 C. A record of any proceeding conducted by video conference shall be made in the
10 same manner as all such similar proceedings not conducted by video conference.
11 However, the court may, upon its own motion or motion of a party, record a
12 proceeding with an audio visual recording system.
- 13 D. Each location must provide the juvenile with a means of communicating fully and
14 confidentially with counsel.
- 15 E. In interpreted proceedings, the Family Court may order that the interpreter be
16 located next to the juvenile.
- 17 F. Pursuant to 19 GCA § 5112(a), the general public shall be excluded from
18 hearings. The Family Court, however, may admit persons it finds have a direct
19 interest in the case or in the work of the court into the courtroom.

20 **II. Technical Standards for Video Conferencing:**

- 21 A. All participants must be able to see, hear and communicate with each other
22 simultaneously.
- 23 B. All participants must be able to see, hear and otherwise observe any physical
24 evidence or exhibits presented during the proceeding either by video, facsimile, or
25 other method.
- 26 C. Video quality must be adequate to allow participants to observe each other's
27 demeanor and non-verbal communications.
- 28 D. Equipment for the immediate transmission of documents or papers, including but
not limited to facsimile equipment and computers, must be made available.

1 **III. Duration:** This rule is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for a period of
2 thirty days unless sooner repealed by an order of the Supreme Court.

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4 This Interim Rule shall be effective immediately and govern Video Conferencing in the
5 Courtroom for certain juvenile proceedings in the Superior Court for a period of thirty days
6 unless sooner repealed by an Order of the Supreme Court.

7 **SO ORDERED** this 31st day of March, 2006.

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9 **Robert J. Torres**

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11 **ROBERT J. TORRES**
12 Associate Justice

Frances Tydingco-Gatewood

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11 **FRANCES M. TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD**
12 Associate Justice

13 **F. Philip Carbullido**

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15 **F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO**
16 Chief Justice