

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-06

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the undersigned judges of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Illinois that per Supreme Court Rule 45 and 241 the attached Tenth Circuit Court Rule 86 is being amended effective March 29th, 2023. See attached.

Dated 29th day of March 2023.




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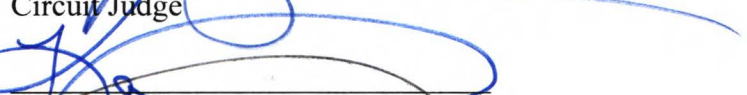
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Rule 86 Remote Appearances and Procedures

All appearances under this rule shall comply with Supreme Court Rule 45 and 241 as amended.

(a) General Rules

1. Any judge in the 10th Judicial Circuit has the discretion to create and maintain a remote hearing or docket to address safety or health concerns, provide cost or time savings to the court or parties, or improve efficiency of court operations. In the creation and scheduling of such hearings, judges and court personnel should strive to utilize technology which is readily available to the public and attorneys and is available at either no cost or low cost to participants.
2. Throughout the proceedings of whatever type, the judge may require in-person attendance for reasons particular to a specific case. With respect to civil matters, the judge in those cases will allow for remote appearances consistent with Illinois Supreme Court Rule 45.
3. Case participants appearing remotely shall conduct themselves in the same manner and in accordance with the same standards as the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, Illinois Supreme Court rules. The same rules regarding dress, conduct, demeanor, language and respect for the Court and staff apply as if the participants were physically present in the courtroom.
 - a. Participants must mute when not speaking.
 - b. When it's the turn of the participant to speak, unmute, and identify yourself by stating your full name.
 - c. Participants appearing remotely through a video conferencing software must enter their full legal name.
 - d. Speak slowly and pause before and after responses. Verbal responses are essential.
 - e. To maintain civility, listen carefully to and follow any instructions the judge provides.

(b) Proceeding types exempted from remote proceedings

In certain case types, the resources are most readily available to those participants who appear in person, including but not limited to the following: Public Defender, Resources from Prairie State Legal Services, Mediators, Guardian ad Litema, and Self-Help Resources.

1. The Defendant must appear in person in the following cases on the First Appearance to maximize their access to resources:
 - a. All Criminal matters punishable by jail or prison
 - b. Juvenile Abuse and Neglect and Juvenile Detention
 - c. Evictions
 - d. Mortgage Foreclosure
 - e. Divorce and family Cases
 - f. Guardianships

2. At the discretion of the judge presiding over the matter, case participants may appear remotely for exempted proceedings if resources can be made available through the use of technology.

(c) Proceeding types exempted from remote proceedings by case category

1. Criminal Felony and Criminal Misdemeanor
 - a. Hearings on release from detention
 - b. Recall of warrant (unless represented by an attorney)
 - c. Evidentiary hearings
 - d. Plea of guilty (unless the defendant has properly executed a waiver)
 - e. Sentencing
 - f. Jury or bench trial
 - g. Hearing to revoke probation
 - h. Hearings conducted under the Sexually Dangerous Persons Act
 - i. All specialty court proceedings (unless waived by the Court)
 - j. All contempt of court proceedings
2. Civil (all subcategories)
 - a. Evidentiary hearings
 - b. Settlement conferences
 - c. Jury or bench trial
 - d. All contempt of court proceedings
3. Family
 - a. Evidentiary hearings
 - b. Settlement conferences
 - c. Bench trials
 - d. Recall of warrant (unless represented by an attorney)
 - e. All contempt of court proceedings
4. Juvenile Delinquency
 - a. Hearings on release from detention
 - b. Recall of warrant (unless represented by an attorney)
 - c. Evidentiary hearings
 - d. Plea of guilty (unless the juvenile has properly executed a waiver)
 - e. Sentencing
 - f. Jury or bench trial
 - g. Hearing to revoke probation
 - h. Hearings conducted under the Sexually Dangerous Persons Act
 - i. All contempt of court proceedings
5. Juvenile Abuse & Neglect Hearing
 - a. Evidentiary hearings

- b. Adjudication hearings
 - c. Permanency hearings
 - d. Disposition hearings
 - e. Termination of Parental Rights
 - f. All specialty court proceedings
 - g. All contempt of court proceedings
6. Major Traffic, Minor Traffic, DUI, Ordinance Violations
- a. Hearings on release from detention
 - b. Recall of warrant (unless represented by an attorney)
 - c. Evidentiary hearings
 - d. Plea of guilty (unless the defendant has properly executed a waiver)
 - e. Sentencing (unless waived by the Court)
 - f. Jury or bench trial
 - g. Hearing to revoke probation
 - h. All specialty court proceedings
 - i. All contempt of court proceedings

(d) How to join a remote proceeding

1. Go to the 10th Judicial Circuit's remote hearing information webpage (<https://10thcircuitcourtil.org/309/Remote-Hearings>) and select "Join a Meeting" at the top of the page. Enter the Meeting ID, which is a series of numbers, as provided by the Court. If you do not have your Meeting ID, select "Meeting Links," then select the "Meeting Link" for the appropriate county and courtroom.
2. If you cannot access the virtual courtroom through a computer, tablet, or smart phone, please dial the following phone number: 1-312-626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID, followed by # when prompted.

(e) Where to find information and assistance for remote proceedings

1. The 10th Judicial Circuit's website along with each county's website will provide information and assistance for remote proceedings.
 - a. 10th Judicial Circuit: <https://10thcircuitcourtil.org/309/Remote-Hearings>
 - b. Marshall County Circuit Clerk:
 - i. Website: <https://marshallcountyillinois.gov/elected-officials/circuit-clerk/>
 - ii. Phone: (309) 246-6435
 - c. Peoria County Circuit Clerk:
 - i. Website: <https://www.peoriacounty.gov/1215/Circuit-Clerk>
 - ii. Phone: (309) 672-6000

- d. Putnam County Circuit Clerk:
 - i. Website: <https://putnamil.gov/county-offices/circuit-court-clerk-office>
 - ii. Phone: (815) 925-7016
- e. Stark County Circuit Clerk:
 - i. Website: <https://www.starkco.illinois.gov/departments/circuit-clerk>
 - ii. Phone: (309) 286-5941
- f. Tazewell County Circuit Clerk:
 - i. Website: <https://tazewellcountyil.com/>
 - ii. Phone: (309) 477-2214

- 2. Remote hearing information and instructions will be posted in public areas in the five county courthouses of the circuit.

(f) How to request a remote proceeding

- 1. Case participants who wish to appear remotely for a future court appearance where the proceeding is otherwise scheduled to be in-person shall make such a request to the Court in writing or in-person. The requirement of “in writing” may include email correspondence if allowed by the Court. Said request must be made at least three business days prior to the court proceeding. It is at the discretion of the Court whether to grant any request where an in-person appearance is otherwise required.
- 2. Attorneys who wish to appear remotely must follow the steps outlined in section (f)1 above and must notify their client of any such request. If the party is required to attend the proceeding in person, the attorney shall be so required unless their appearance is waived by the Court.
- 3. In its discretion, the Court may convert an in-person proceeding to a remote proceeding for the health, safety or welfare of the parties or attorneys, or efficiency of the Court. The decision of the Court to switch to a remote proceeding is not determinative for future court hearings.