

309TH ZOOM ADMONISHMENTS FOR ZOOM HEARING

TO ALL COUNSELS, PARTIES AND PRO SE LITIGANTS :

I recommend you hit GALLERY VIEW in the top of the screen, so that you can see all participants at all times, rather than only the active speaker. In Gallery View, the active speaker is designated by a yellow border around their video box.

Only counsel of record, clients, clients' spouses (where specifically permitted by the rules), testifying experts, and witnesses (while testifying) will be permitted in the Zoom hearing. Think of the Zoom hearing as the well of the courtroom, and the livestream as the audience sitting area. Only someone who would be permitted to pass the bar and enter the well may join the Zoom hearing. Everyone else must watch the livestream.

The court's standing rules prohibiting video and audio recording in the courtroom remain in effect. You are prohibited from recording these proceedings in any way. All hearings are being recorded by the court's official court reporter, and transcripts may be ordered from the certified court reporter as with any other hearing.

The Rule as to witnesses is invoked in every hearing in the Virtual Courtroom, and is hereby invoked in this hearing. Do not allow or encourage witnesses to watch the Livestream during the hearing, or assist them in any way in violating the rule. Do not coach witnesses.

You may use the private chat feature to slip notes with your client, but you may not chat, text, or in any way confer with your client, during his or her testimony.

You are not to use the private chat feature with any non-client witnesses. Witnesses will only be permitted in the courtroom during their testimony.

Wait until questions are completed before announcing an objection. Do not interrupt each other or talk over each other.

If you wish to confer in private with your client, please inform the court and state the identity of the client or clients with which you want to confer, and if allowed I will excuse you to a private breakout room for a moment or two. The same will be true if you wish to confer sidebar with opposing counsel, in private. If you are using a web browser for this hearing rather than the Zoom app, you will not have access to the breakout room feature. The Court will not at any time enter a breakout room, and those rooms are not recorded in any way. Hit "return to main session" to exit the breakout room. Do not hit "leave meeting."

Finally, no one is to annotate anyone else's shared screen unless expressly permitted or directed by the court to do so.

Linda Dunson

Judge Linda Marie Dunson, 309th District Court

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