

351st District Court's Appearance Policy

Effective May 16th, 2023, the 351st Criminal District Court adopts the following court appearance policies:
Defendants and all counsel must appear in person for the following settings;

- (1) Defendant's first appearance;
- (2) All settings if defendant is charged with a 3G offense;
- (3) All settings for cases over 270 days old;
 - a For 3rd degree offenses, cases over 180 days old;
 - b For SJF offenses, cases over 90 days old;
- (4) Pleas;
- (5) Hearings;
- (6) Pretrial Conferences;
- (7) Trial;
- (8) Pending Motion to Adjudicate Guilt/Motion to Revoke Probation or Bond Violations;
- (9) As Ordered by the Court.

Additionally, attorneys for defendants in custody must be physically present for every docketed setting.

Zoom Appearance Policy:

Counsel may appear via Zoom, and defendants' appearances are waived, for all other settings. Professionalism should be maintained while on Zoom, and **NO DRIVING**. Counsel is encouraged to appear in person for cases where maintaining contact with a client poses challenges.

Zoom Policy for Witnesses:

Witnesses may **NOT** appear via zoom without express permission of the court. Parties, after conferring, must obtain permission from the court prior to calling a witness via zoom. The Court will entertain motions to have hearings via Zoom on a case-by-case basis where all parties agree in advance and obtain explicit permission of the Court to proceed with the hearing via Zoom.

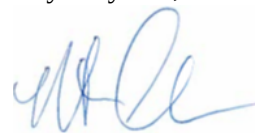
If you cannot participate in-person as required, please contact the court in advance at (832) 927-3680 or by email at Christopher_Gil@justex.net.

351st District Court Zoom Information:

Zoom Dial-In Number:	346-248-7799 (Houston)
Meeting ID:	227 363 0192
Zoom Link:	https://justex.zoom.us/my/Court351

*Persons appearing via zoom to view court proceedings will be required to identify themselves via the chat functionality and have their name displayed and have their cameras on.

Signed this day May 16th, 2023



Hon. Nata Cornelio, 351st District Court