

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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JUSTIN MAZE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STANDING ORDER FOR REMOTE HEARINGS
FOR JUDGE GILL'S CASES

WHEREAS, the Illinois Supreme Court has encouraged the use of Remote hearings, to ensure cases continue to progress towards resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, beginning August 1, 2022, it is ordered and adjudged as follows:

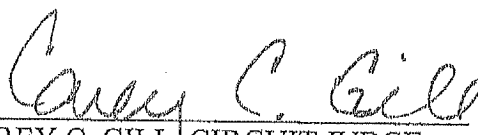
1. All Case Management hearing and Status hearings shall be heard remotely, via Zoom. Parties and attorneys *may* have the option of appearing in person, and a Hybrid hearing shall be held.
2. **Except for evidentiary proceedings**, parties and attorneys *may* appear remotely, via Zoom. This remote hearing is merely an option, and no party or attorney shall be required to appear remotely. Therefore, all such notices shall remain set for "in person" appearances.
3. Each person who wishes to participate in any hearing remotely, via Zoom, must join with their **Full Name**, as it appears on record in their case.
4. Persons without video capabilities, or without the ability to join with a full name, *may* request to participate in the remote hearing via audio only, or without a full name, by **written motion** to the Court, filed at least 1 day **prior** to the hearing. This requirement is to ensure the transparency and integrity of the Court system, and to implement proper safeguards to confirm the identity of the participant joining without video or without a name.
5. **For evidentiary proceedings**, parties and attorneys may submit a request to participate in the hearing remotely, by **written motion**, filed at least 2 days **prior** to the hearing. Said requests shall be within the sole discretion of Judge Gill.
6. Persons must test their video and audio **BEFORE** the hearing.
7. Please join the remote hearing **EARLY**. Once the remote hearing starts, you may not be allowed to join the remote hearing. If you leave the hearing, you may not be allowed to re-join.
8. Pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/14-2, it is illegal for anyone to record a conversation unless all parties agree. I do **NOT** agree to be recorded before, during or after the hearing. The only official record of this hearing is that which is being made by the court reporter. The Court takes this very seriously. A violation of this rule could result in contempt proceedings being instituted against the offending party.

9. Everyone will be asked to introduce himself/herself at the beginning of the hearing.
10. Each person should mute their microphone to eliminate background noise until it is your turn to speak.
11. Now more than ever, only one person may talk at a time.
12. This Order may be amended or modified after best practices in conducting remote hearings are identified.

Judge Gill's Zoom ID: 694 633 5821. No password is required.

SO ORDERED

ENTER: 7/27/2022



CAREY C. GILL, CIRCUIT JUDGE