

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF CLACKAMAS

In the Matter of:)
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MOTION HEARINGS RESUMED FOR)
CERTAIN NON-EVIDENTIARY)
CRIMINAL AND CIVIL MATTERS)
_____)

**Presiding Judge Order
2020-15**

Whereas the landscape created by the COVID-19 pandemic as illustrated in prior Presiding Judge Orders is changing, and the Court’s ability to provide remote hearings that protect litigants, attorneys, court staff and judges has improved, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Civil, domestic relations, and criminal motions that are non-evidentiary and may be conducted remotely may be rescheduled in Clackamas County Circuit Court by the docketing department or individual judges.
2. Attorneys and parties for whom previously scheduled hearings were rescheduled for June or thereafter under Chief Justice Order No. 20-006 (Amended) may be contacted and allowed to reschedule again to an earlier date. Attorneys and parties may contact docketing and/or an individual judge who has already been assigned a trial or matter by the Presiding Judge to schedule said motions.
3. Said motions shall be no longer than 30 minutes and limited to oral argument only. In addition, no attorney or party may participate in the hearing other than remotely by video or telephone.

4. Attorneys and parties requesting such hearings must provide telephone numbers and email addresses to court staff sufficient to allow their contact and participation in such hearings.
5. Guidelines regarding the process of said hearings are attached and shall be provided to all participants.

This Order takes effect immediately and shall remain in place until amended by further order or terminated by the Court.

DATED this 27 day of April 2020.



Kathie F. Steele
Clackamas County Circuit Court
Presiding Judge

ATTACHMENT

Guidelines for Court Remote Appearances

1. The Court's Goal is to keep people safe but also do our best to protect the rights of those appearing in court.
2. The Court will begin each hearing by taking role of the parties on the phone.
3. Be on time when you call into the court or when you are scheduled for a hearing. While the Court may be running late, we appreciate your patience. You will be advised whether to call into a particular number or be available for the Court to call you.
4. Put your phone on "MUTE" when not speaking.
5. Identify yourself each time you speak – i.e.: "This is _____."
6. Wait to speak until the Court calls on you.
7. Do not speak over others when they are talking.
 - a. The Court will make sure everyone has an opportunity to speak.
8. Talk slowly and directly into the phone.
9. Do not use speaker phone – it reduces the quality of the communication.
10. Remove any background noises (children, pets, mechanical) from your surroundings before participating.
11. When working with interpreters:
 - a. Communicate in small sentences. Do not say more than one sentence at a time.
 - b. Do not respond to a question or comment from the Court or another party until the interpreter is finished translating the question.

Again – Thank you. This is a difficult time and challenging for all. The Court appreciates your cooperation.