



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

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NOTICE:

PUBLIC ACCESS TO VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE HEARINGS

In light of the ongoing national emergency relative to the coronavirus pandemic, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois has issued Administrative Order 266 supporting video and teleconferencing for civil and criminal proceedings in accordance with the applicable statutes and rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States. This court continues to stridently support the presumption of public access to proceedings before the court and, for the duration of this health emergency, to that end:

Docket Entries. If a judicial officer intends to conduct a proceeding by telephone or video conference, that fact will be indicated on the docket. The call-in telephone number or videoconference link will not be listed on the docket and will only be provided to counsel and other participants (such as interpreters, court reporters, and law clerks).

Court Calendar. The Court Calendar feature on the court's public webpage (www.ilsd.uscourts.gov) will describe the type of setting and whether it is what would normally be an in-court proceeding, or an in-chambers event. The public (including media, family members, and victims) can participate in "in-court" proceedings via the telephone number associated with the presiding judge (see Connection Information list). Public participants will be able to listen, but not speak. At this point in time, we are unable to provide a secure, stable video link to the public, but we continue to work toward that goal.

Prohibition of Broadcasting or Recording. At the beginning of any telephone or video conference, all remote participants will be reminded of the prohibitions in Local Rule 83.5 (and, in criminal cases, Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 53) against broadcasting and recording court proceedings. More specifically, all remote participants are advised:

Persons granted remote access to proceedings (via telephone or video) are reminded of the general prohibition against photographing, recording, and rebroadcasting of court proceedings. Violations of these prohibitions may result in sanctions, including removal of court-issued media credentials, restricted entry to future hearings, or denial of entry to future hearings, and such other sanctions, including contempt of court, as may be deemed appropriate or necessary by the court.