

**HONORABLE JAMES W. BOYD'S
REMOTE HEARING PROCEDURES AS OF MAY 16, 2022**

Unless otherwise specified in a court order, notice of hearing, or docket entry:

1. The following matters shall be conducted in person¹:
 - a. Trials.
 - b. Evidentiary hearings.
 - c. Contested matters that, prior to the scheduled hearing, are not resolved by stipulation, agreement to adjourn the hearing, or agreement to treat the hearing as a status conference.
 - d. 1st pretrial conferences.
 - e. Hearings on motions for entry of default judgment.
2. An attorney or party may appear by Zoom videoconferencing for all matters not specified in paragraph 1. This includes an attorney or party monitoring a matter specified in paragraph 1, but who is not actively participating. Attorneys or parties appearing by videoconferencing for matters covered by this paragraph need not contact the court in advance of the hearing.

Remote court appearances will continue to occur via Zoom videoconferencing. If you meet the above criteria for appearing remotely at a scheduled hearing, or if your remote appearance is otherwise permitted by a court order or notice, you may join the Zoom conference using the following log-in information:

Join ZoomGov Meeting:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16141082837>

Meeting ID: 161 4108 2837

Passcode: 281319

Dial by your location:

+1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose)

+1 646 828 7666 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 161 4108 2837

Passcode: 281319

Prior to the hearing, each participant should review Judge Boyd's Guidelines for Participation in Video Hearings via Zoom, available at <https://www.miwb.uscourts.gov/content/judge-james-w-boyd> under the "Authorized Video Appearances" tab.

¹ In person appearances may be excused, and appearances by Zoom may be permitted, for individuals who are (or recently have been) ill, those who are required to quarantine due to recent Covid-19 exposure, and those who have other Covid-19 related concerns, such as: (1) your employer does not allow you to appear in the courtroom, (2) you are encountering logistical difficulties, such as child care issues due to the pandemic, (3) you are attempting to minimize exposure to a loved one that might occur if you were to personally appear, (4) you are otherwise experiencing physical or emotion issues, including anxiety, that would affect your ability to personally appear, or (5) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has designated the respective county of holding court as a high Covid-19 Community Level (the CDC's current data may be viewed at [COVID-19 Community Levels](#)). *Attorneys wishing to appear remotely due to a Covid-19 related concern should immediately contact Jessie Koerth at (616) 456-2290 so that the court, in its discretion, may determine whether to proceed by video or adjourn the matter to a future date on which the hearing may be conducted in person.*