

Video Appearances

Video appearances are appearances in the courtroom. They are a privilege, not a right, that allows the parties to participate in a proceeding without traveling to the courthouse.

Attorneys and litigants appearing by video shall appear and conduct themselves as if they were physically in the courtroom.

The following apply to video appearances:

1. **Attorneys shall appear on camera.** Given the prevalence of video hearings in various courts, attorneys should have a working video feed and understand how to utilize their personal technology to enable an appearance by video. If an attorney is not confident they have the technical experience or knowledge to utilize a camera, they shall inform the court immediately so the court can schedule an in-person appearance rather than a video appearance.
2. **Attorneys and litigants shall dress as if they were physically appearing in the courtroom.** This means attorneys shall appear in professional attire. Litigants shall be appropriately dressed.
3. **Attorneys shall appear from an office or room with proper lighting.** Attorneys should not appear from a location where there are distractions occurring in the room, which includes distractions from co-workers, family, or pets. Attorneys are prohibited from appearing from vehicles.
4. **Attorneys shall only share the video conference login details with their client and staff who are assisting with the matter.** The login details shall not be provided to nonparties or to staff who are not involved with the matter.