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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

VANESSA CAMPER,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE FARM FIRE AND  
CASUALTY COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:20-CV-05283-TLF

ORDER FOR REMOTE / VIRTUAL  
CIVIL JURY SELECTION

The Court ORDERS that jury selection for the jury trial scheduled to commence on August 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., be conducted using the following virtual courtroom procedures and protocols.

**A. Remote / Virtual Jury Selection Format**

1. The entire jury selection will take place using the ZoomGov.com platform. The parties, counsel, jurors, and court staff will not be physically present in the courtroom. The Court will call a jury pool of 25 jurors. Each party will have one round of 15 minutes to examine the jurors. Any questions the parties would like the Court to ask should be submitted to the Court by 4:30 PM on August 5, 2021.
2. The public will have telephonic access via a number published on the Court's trial calendar.

1 **B. Preparation**

- 2 1. Counsel shall familiarize themselves with the ZoomGov.com platform by  
3 reviewing the tutorials located at  
4 <https://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/attorneys/remotehearings>.
- 5 2. Counsel shall ensure that they have the hardware, software, data bandwidth,  
6 and Internet access required to participate remotely. The minimum system  
7 requirements are posted at  
8 <https://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/attorneys/remotehearings>.
- 9 3. Counsel shall also ensure that they have one or more alternative means of  
10 communicating with their clients, as well as with the Court, outside the  
11 ZoomGov.com platform (e.g., via cellular phone or email).

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13 **C. Recording**

- 14 1. No part of the trial may be reproduced, distributed, or transmitted in any form  
15 or by any means, in whole or in part, by any participant in the jury selection or  
16 any public observer. This prohibition includes any audio or video recording,  
17 photographs, and/or screenshots. The parties and counsel shall ensure that  
18 each trial participant for which they are responsible acknowledges and agrees  
19 to this prohibition.

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21 **D. Participants**

- 22 1. Counsel shall provide, via email to the Court's Trial Coordinator Traci  
23 Whiteley, Courtroom Deputy, at [traci\\_whiteley@wawd.uscourts.gov](mailto:traci_whiteley@wawd.uscourts.gov), the  
24 following information for each party, attorney, paralegal, legal assistant, trial  
25 or technical consultant, who will connect remotely during jury selection:  
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- Name
- Email address
- Phone number
- Participant status (e.g., party, attorney, paralegal, etc.)

Prior to jury selection, the Court’s Trial Coordinator will supply to counsel the links for the ZoomGov.com sessions. Counsel shall forward the links to other participants, as appropriate.

2. After using the link to access the ZoomGov.com session, participants will enter a virtual waiting room. They will be admitted from the virtual waiting room into the virtual courtroom when appropriate. .
3. During the virtual jury selection hearing, each party and all jurors will be visible on video with microphones muted.
4. All participants who are not actively being questioned, asking questions, or otherwise directly involved in the jury selection process shall use the ZoomGov.com platform controls to mute their microphone and deactivate their video camera. The Court’s Trial Coordinator, who will “host” the ZoomGov.com sessions, will mute any participant who fails to follow this protocol.
5. Participants using multiple devices in a single workspace to access the trial should avoid audio feedback issues by using the microphone and speakers on only one device at a time, or by using headphones.
6. To the extent possible, remote jury selection participants should conduct themselves in the same way they would if they were physically present in a courtroom. They should avoid interrupting someone who is speaking, except as necessary to raise an objection. Virtual jury selection participants should silence electronic devices other than the devices necessary to their remote

1 participation, shut down any unnecessary computer programs or applications,  
2 and take steps to remove or minimize anything in their remote workspace that  
3 might distract from the proceedings. The Court understands that conducting  
4 jury selection virtually, from one's home, for example, presents many  
5 challenges. The Court asks all remote participants to do their best to maintain  
6 professionalism in order to conduct a fair and efficient jury selection.

7 7. **Objections**: Counsel should raise their hand to signal an objection. When  
8 an objection is made, attorneys and jurors shall stop talking until the Court  
9 rules on the objection. If the objection requires a discussion outside the  
10 presence of the jury, the jurors will be placed in the virtual jury room.

11 8. **Disconnection**: In the event that the Court, a party, an attorney of record, a  
12 juror, or anyone else necessary to the proceedings becomes disconnected  
13 from the remote jury selection, the proceedings will stop while the connection  
14 is reestablished. If the participant has difficulty reconnecting, he or she should  
15 email Traci Whiteley, Courtroom Deputy, at  
16 traci\_whiteley@wawd.uscourts.gov.

17 9. **Appropriate Dress**: All participants shall dress in the same manner as they  
18 would if they were present in-person in a courtroom.

19 10. **Screen Names**: Remote participants should endeavor to use a screen name  
20 in the ZoomGov.com platform that indicates their actual first and last names.  
21 As "host," the Court's Trial Coordinator will rename any participant whose  
22 screen name is incomplete, confusing, unprofessional, or otherwise improper.

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**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to all counsel of record.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.



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Theresa L. Fricke  
United States Magistrate Judge

