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FILE NO. GN-61-121012 (Local Rules and General Orders)

TRAVIS COUNTY STANDING ORDER FOR REMOTE COURT PROCEEDINGS Effective May 1, 2023

- 1. As provided in this Standing Order, unless agreed by the parties and properly announced, or notified by the court, ALL contested civil and family court proceedings will be held in person at the Civil and Family Courts Facility (CFCF), 1700 Guadalupe Street. The provisions of this Standing Order are in addition to other applicable rules, including Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 21d and the Local Rules, particularly Chapters 2 and 3.
- 2. <u>Matters Eligible for Remote Court Proceedings</u>. A court proceeding may be held remotely if (a) all parties agree, or (b) absent agreement of all parties, a court finds good cause to conduct it remotely, except for jury trials. Jury trials must be conducted in person absent agreement of all parties.
- 3. Remote Witnesses. A witness may appear remotely at a court proceeding if (a) all parties agree, or (b) absent agreement of all parties, a court finds good cause for the witness to appear remotely.
- 4. <u>Announcing Remote Court Proceedings</u>. If all parties have agreed in writing, a party must announce the court proceeding as occurring remotely, pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Local Rules. If the court proceeding is not properly announced as a remote proceeding, it will proceed in person unless a court finds good cause to proceed remotely.
- 5. Requesting Remote Court Proceedings Absent Agreement. A party may request a remote court proceeding by filing a written motion prior to the announcement period and setting it for hearing before the court proceeding.
- 6. <u>Discretion Related to Remote Court Proceedings</u>. A court may (a) determine that a remote court proceeding, although agreed by the parties, is not appropriate and may require an inperson court proceeding, or (b) find good cause to permit a remote court proceeding.
- 7. <u>Use of Technology</u>. Attorneys and self-represented litigants must ensure they and their witnesses are proficient in the technology necessary to conduct remote court proceedings, including Zoom and Box. Additional time will not be added to settings to account for the inability to use necessary technology.
- **8.** <u>Emergency Court Proceedings.</u> Emergency matters will be handled by submission or remotely, unless otherwise scheduled to be in person by a court.

This ORDER is effective as of May 1, 2023.

Signed by all Civil District Judges and filed with District Clerk's Office on May 1, 2023.	
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