

DAVIDSON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT – PART I GUIDELINES*

Chancellor Patricia Head Moskal

As of May 1, 2021, Part I will resume in-person trials and hearings.

Trials: All bench trials and jury trials will be conducted in-person. Trials are to be scheduled in accordance with the Davidson County Local Rules of Practice § 27.02.

Non-Evidentiary Hearings: Non-evidentiary hearings will be conducted in-person or remotely via ZoomGov.com videoconference upon request made to the Part I Calendar Clerk.

Regular Motion Docket: Hearings on the regular motion docket will be conducted in-person, on Fridays, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Upon request and with the agreement of all parties, motion hearings may be conducted remotely via ZoomGov.com videoconference. Please contact the Part I Calendar Clerk for scheduling by Wednesday before the hearing.

In the event of a disagreement about attending a hearing in person or remotely, an objection should be made in writing and filed with the Court by Wednesday before the hearing and the motion will then be scheduled for hearing remotely via ZoomGov.com.

In-Person Hearing Protocols: The following procedures will be followed to protect everyone's health and safety and minimize the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus:

1. Masks must be worn, covering the mouth and nose, upon entering the Historic Courthouse and at all times on the fourth floor and in the Part I courtroom, unless the Court allows a party, attorney or witness to remove their mask while speaking in the courtroom.
2. Social distancing is required for everyone in the courtroom, including counsel, parties, witnesses, observers, and the media, with seating in the back of the courtroom.
3. No more than two (2) persons may be seated together at counsel table, with masks worn at all times.
4. Exhibits are to be presented to witnesses in notebooks, prepared by counsel or the parties, and through use of the courtroom presenter to minimize the passing of documents and movement within the courtroom. The parties are requested to provide the Court with one additional copy of all exhibits.
5. At appropriate times during hearings, the Court will take breaks or pause the proceedings to allow courtroom surfaces to be sanitized.

Questions: If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Julie Spencer, the Part I Calendar Clerk, at (615) 862-5718 or juliespencer@jnsnashville.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we continue to focus on protecting the health and safety of our community.

***NOTICE:** These Part I Guidelines are subject to orders of the Tennessee Supreme Court, the 20th Judicial District Revised Comprehensive Plan, and Metropolitan Courthouse protocols.