



STANDING ORDER REGARDING REMOTE HEARINGS

Pursuant to the recent amendments to Rule 43.1 of the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure, the court hereby issues this standing order concerning remote and hybrid proceedings. See V.R.C.P. 43.1(c)(1)(A) and (d)(1)(A). Any motion for an exception in a particular case should be filed promptly upon receipt of the hearing notice.

IN-PERSON HEARINGS

The following will be scheduled as in-person hearings unless case-specific reasons justify an exception.

- Jury draw
- All jury trials
- All court trials (including post-conviction relief and eviction trials)
- Oral argument on motions
- Motions for writs of attachment
- Everything else not listed below under remote or hybrid

Hearing notices will state: "YOU MUST ATTEND THIS HEARING IN PERSON AT THE COURTHOUSE UNLESS YOU RECEIVE ADVANCE PERMISSION FROM THE COURT TO ATTEND REMOTELY (BY PHONE OR VIDEO)."

REMOTE HEARINGS

The following will be scheduled as remote hearings unless case-specific reasons justify an exception.

- Status conferences
- Pretrial conferences
- Discovery scheduling conferences
- Discovery motions:
 - Motions to compel
 - Motions for protective orders
 - Motions to quash subpoenas
- Inmate hearings EXCEPT post-conviction relief trials ("merits hearings")
- Small claims cases (ALL hearings)

Hearing notices will state: "DO NOT COME TO THE COURTHOUSE. THIS WILL BE A REMOTE HEARING. See attached instructions."

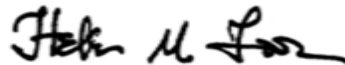
HYBRID HEARINGS

The following will be scheduled as hybrid hearings unless case-specific reasons justify an exception.

- No-stalking (protective order)
- Rent escrow
- Abandoned mobile home
- Unlawful occupant
- Replevin
- Post-judgment motions (in regular civil cases only—small claims remain remote):
 - Trustee process
 - Motions for contempt for failure to provide discovery
 - Show cause hearings for failure to provide discovery

Hearing notices will state: “YOU MAY ATTEND THIS HEARING IN PERSON AT THE COURTHOUSE OR REMOTELY. See attached instructions for remote appearance.”

Electronically signed on November 16, 2023 pursuant to V.R.E.F. 9(d).



Helen M. Toor
Superior Court Judge