



## District of Columbia Court of Appeals Information on Hybrid (Remote/In-Person) Oral Arguments

Effective September 1, 2022, upon the court's return to in-person oral argument, the court will begin a pilot project where a party may request to proceed with hybrid oral argument and appear remotely using the Zoom government platform. A judge may similarly appear remotely for hybrid oral argument. All oral arguments will continue to be live streamed on the [DC Court of Appeals YouTube channel](#).

All health and safety procedures are outlined on the court's information sheet for "In-Person Oral Argument" available on the court's website.

All requests to participate in hybrid oral argument via videoconference shall be made by motion filed at least 14 days before the scheduled oral argument. Registered e-Filers must e-File the motion; parties without attorneys may email the motion to [efilehelp@dcappeals.gov](mailto:efilehelp@dcappeals.gov), mail the motion, or hand deliver the motion to the court.

If the motion is granted or if a judge appears remotely, the hybrid oral argument will be the first oral argument of the day. If there are multiple hybrid oral arguments the same day, they will be heard sequentially, followed by the in-person argument. In the event a participant is deaf or hard of hearing, your motion should include a request for captioning during livestreaming.

A party appearing remotely for hybrid oral argument shall be available thirty minutes prior to the time of argument. If there are multiple hybrid arguments on the same day, the remote parties shall monitor the court's live-stream YouTube channel and be ready when the court calls your case.

- If you have an upcoming oral argument, please confirm **your contact information**, cell phone and email address, in the eFiling system. If you do not use the eFiling system, email [efilehelp@dcappeals.gov](mailto:efilehelp@dcappeals.gov) or call the Public Office at (202) 879-2700.

If you are scheduled to appear in person, but there is an intervening event (including a family emergency or COVID-19 exposure, quarantine, or testing positive), please immediately contact the Public Office at (202) 879-2700. If the time and circumstances permit, the court will try to allow you to appear remotely and proceed

with a hybrid oral argument. Alternatively, the case will be rescheduled for another day.

As we return to in-person proceedings, parties must be flexible. The court may conduct an argument entirely remotely, for example, in case of inclement weather, or may change the order of cases on short notice if one party has an emergency requiring a hybrid proceeding. The court posts changes to the order of cases at <https://www.dccourts.gov/court-of-appeals/court-of-appeals-calendar>. If the court conducts a case entirely remotely, court staff will contact parties with Zoom links and other information.