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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
GENERAL DIVISION  
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

MISC. ORDER NO.  
May 13, 2022

**ORDER REGARDING CRIMINAL HEARINGS  
BEFORE JUDGE KELLY L. McLAUGHLIN**

Effective June 1, 2022, criminal hearings in Judge McLaughlin's court will be held in accordance with the guidelines below.

"In person" means that parties and counsel will appear in Judge McLaughlin's courtroom, or other designated courtroom, at the time scheduled.

"Virtually" means that parties and counsel will appear at the scheduled date and time by using the Zoom link meeting number 3779866542, or other similar platform if the circumstances require.

Please carefully review these new guidelines.

1. For Defendants who are inmates at the Summit County Jail, the Community Alternative Sentencing facility (CASC), Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF), any Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Facility, or any other facility at which the Defendant resides and is not at liberty to leave absent a court order or pass, all arraignments, pre-trials, status conferences, pleas and sentencings, and Phase II judicial release hearings will be conducted virtually. Pursuant to Criminal Rule 43, as amended, the Court finds that conducting these proceedings virtually via technology does not compromise the integrity of the proceedings, adequately protects the parties' interests and rights, and Defendants need not waive their right to appear in person in order for the hearing to occur virtually.

Trials, suppression hearings, other evidentiary hearings and community control violation hearings for inmates will be conducted in person, unless the Defendant waives his or her right to be present.

Counsel may appear for any virtual hearing either virtually or in person. Counsel may

only appear virtually for an in person hearing with the permission of the Court and the Defendant.

2. For Defendants who are not inmates at one of the above institutions, arraignments and first and second pre-trials, and status conferences may be conducted virtually. Pursuant to Criminal Rule 43, as amended, the Court finds that conducting these proceedings virtually via technology does not compromise the integrity of the proceedings, adequately protects the parties' interests and rights, and Defendants need not waive their right to appear in person in order for the hearing to occur virtually.

3. All subsequent pre-trials, evidentiary hearings, suppression hearings, and trials will be conducted in person. Defendants who are out on bond who are permitted to appear virtually are responsible for ensuring that they are able to do so prior to their scheduled hearing date. If a Defendant is unable to appear virtually for a scheduled hearing, he or she may appear in person for any scheduled hearing.

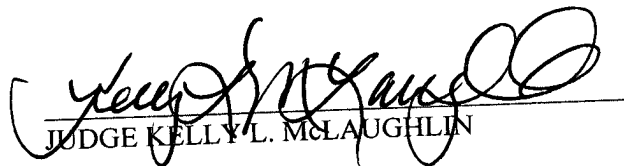
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Upon the filing of an appropriate written motion, and for good cause shown, the Court may allow a Defendant who is otherwise required to appear in person to appear virtually.

All motions to appear virtually rather than in person must be filed no later than noon three days prior to the scheduled hearing, and should be specific as to the reason that conducting the hearing virtually does not affect the integrity of the proceedings, and the circumstances that necessitate the request.

This order, as well as a direct link to the video conferencing technology may also be found on the Court's website at [www.summitpcourt.net](http://www.summitpcourt.net) under Judge Kelly L. McLaughlin's tab.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
JUDGE KELLY L. McLAUGHLIN