

SECTION 2 | TELEPHONIC APPEARANCES

Any party seeking to appear telephonically for a hearing shall move the Court for permission at the time the hearing is requested. Telephonic appearances are a privilege, not a right. The Court may deny telephonic appearances if there is a history of problems or issues that impede the Court's scheduled hearings. If permission to appear telephonically is granted, the counsel attending telephonically shall comply with Rule 2.530 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration and make all necessary arrangements in advance with the Judicial Assistant to be on the phone and ready to proceed at the scheduled hearing time. If more than one person is appearing telephonically, the parties are responsible for making arrangements in advance so that only one line is calling into the Court at the time of hearing.

To request to appear telephonically at a hearing, a motion must be filed a minimum of three business days prior to the hearing. You may then submit a proposed order to the Judicial Assistant via her email with a copy of the motion and a cover letter. Your motion must reflect that you have conferred with all opposing counsel and their position. Your motion must reflect the name of the attorney who will be attending the hearing telephonically if the motion is granted.

The only hearings that do not require a motion for telephonic appearance are motions to set matters for trial. For these hearings, the movant must appear in person and all other attorneys may appear telephonically without filing a motion.

COVID-19 UPDATE: The requirement to file a motion for leave to appear telephonically is temporarily suspended.

