

LOCAL RULE 16 | TECHNOLOGY

Please see AOSC21-17, The Supreme Court (excluding jury selection and trial proceedings) allows for, to the maximum extent feasible, use of equipment for the remote conduct of proceedings to facilitate the efficient and expeditious processing of cases. Therefore, the court, while agreeing to conduct the evidentiary hearing in person, will allow for witnesses to appear remotely, if needed.

AOSC21-17 states that remote jury selection and trial proceedings (witnesses, etc) may be remotely conducted if all parties consent to participating in the remote proceeding. The court will allow for remote proceedings in trial as long as the parties consent.

Further, the court requires that each party is responsible for their own technology. The parties may use the court's zoom link if they wish but they shall each be responsible for setting up the remote conference so that direct and cross examination can be effectuated. The court has conducted multiple bench trials with some remote witnesses and a jury trials wherein the parties agreed to some remote witnesses and it worked very smoothly. (Please make sure that the witness has the appropriate internet connection as well).

