

SECTION 1 | EX PARTE HEARING

A. Ex parte hearings are only for uncontested matters that can be heard and addressed by the Court in five minutes or less.

B. Ex parte will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on certain, identified dates. Ex parte dates are posted on the website above, as well as outside Chambers 739.

C. Given the nature of ex parte hearings, in-person appearances telephonic appearances and appearances via the Zoom videoconferencing platform ("Zoom") will be allowed for both local and out-of-town counsel/parties pursuant to Rule 2.530, Fla. R. Jud. Admin.

D. Hybrid Zoom Ex Parte Hearings. The Court will permit ex parte hearings to be conducted in a hybrid remote manner, with some counsel/parties appearing in-person and other counsel/parties appearing via Zoom pursuant to Rule 2.530, Fla. R. Jud. Admin..

E. Hybrid Telephonic Ex Parte Hearings. In the event any counsel elect to attend ex parte in-person while other counsel/parties elect to attend telephonically, counsel must have a specific plan for the Court to either call a conference call-in number to reach all other counsel/parties or a direct dial phone number for the Court to call the counsel/party who shall be responsible for conferencing in any other counsel/parties electing to attend telephonically at the time of the commencement of the ex parte hearing. The brief time limits and format of ex parte hearings will not permit the Court to act as the phone operator to coordinate the connections, act as the "host" or otherwise connect counsel/parties together who separately call the Court's hearing room to participate in ex parte hearings.

F. If any counsel, local and/or out-of-town counsel plan on attending the ex parte hearing by phone or by Zoom, please contact the Court to schedule a time-certain hearing and file a Notice of Hearing containing specific telephonic instructions or a Zoom invitation, identifying any parties/counsel appearing in-person at such hearing, and e-mail the Notice to the Court at pfields@coj.net.

G. All attorneys, parties, or other persons participating in or observing the ex parte hearing remotely through the use of



communication technology shall comply with “*The Florida Bar Recommended Best Practices for Remote Court Proceedings*” that can be found on the Court’s website.

