

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO
ROBERT G. MONTGOMERY, JUDGE

SPECIAL ORDER REGARDING REMOTE HEARINGS

As a result of the COVID-19 virus emergency, most of our hearings will be conducted remotely through at least August 31, 2020.

Different categories of hearings will be handled differently. Unless otherwise ordered, this is how you can expect your hearing to be conducted:

Name Changes: The hearing officer will contact the applicant at the telephone number provided with the filing within approximately one hour of the scheduled hearing time. The hearing will be conducted by telephone. Be sure to answer your telephone during this timeframe.

Guardianship, Estate and Civil matters: These hearings will be conducted by videoconference using the Zoom Application. The applicant will receive a Zoom Invitation at the time the Entry Setting Hearing, Entry Setting Status Conference or Entry Continuing Hearing is approved. The applicant is responsible for serving the Zoom Invitation with the Entry. If the Zoom Invitation was not attached to the Entry, the court will serve the Zoom Invitation pursuant to the Special Order Regarding Remote Hearings (see link below).

Adoptions: Most adoption matters will be handled by videoconference. Contact your attorney if you have any questions.

How to use the Zoom Application: Go to: <https://zoom.us/join> on your mobile device or computer and input the Meeting ID and Passcode. Your device will need a video camera and microphone. Almost all “smart” mobile telephones have the necessary equipment to participate in the videoconference. There is no cost to use the Zoom Application and you do not need to create an account.

Options if you cannot access the Zoom Application: Please see the Administrative Notice at the link below for options if you are not able to access the Zoom Application.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding as we continue to serve the public during this difficult time.

[June 25, 2020 Covid-19 Court Order Regarding Remote Hearings](#)

[Administrative Notice Regarding Remote Hearing Guidelines](#)

[Administrative Notice Regarding Remote Hearing Guidelines Amended](#)

How to Join a Zoom Meeting: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>