

FIRST CITY COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS

STATE OF LOUISIANA

In Re: ALL SECTION "C" CASES

FILED: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

SECTION 'C' GENERAL HEARING ORDER

HEARINGS CONDUCTED VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING

While "the prohibition on conducting in-person proceedings has been lifted, ... [a]ll matters should continue to be conducted with the use of video and telephone conferencing whenever possible."¹ Pursuant thereto, any oral arguments or hearings shall take place through videoconferencing. If an attorney or a party objects to the hearing being held by videoconference, they must provide written reasons for the objection. The memorandum/objection must be emailed to the Court at SectionC@orleanscdc.com. The hearings will be conducted via Zoom Videoconferencing or Skype for Business. Parties may contact Section 'C' at (504) 407-0360 for additional details.

SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES AND STATUS CONFERENCES

If all parties consent, the Court will conduct settlement conferences via videoconference. You should email Section 'C' or contact the law clerk for further instructions.

Status conferences to secure cut-off dates and/or a trial date will be held by telephone unless otherwise advised by the Court. The settlement/status conferences will be conducted via Zoom Videoconferencing or Skype for Business.


IN-PERSON HEARING CHECK-IN PROCESS VIA [SINE PRO](#) app

If an in-person hearing is scheduled, parties will check in for their case through the free [Sine Pro app](#). The app can be downloaded on any Apple or Android device. Parties are encouraged to download the app in advance of the hearing.

If a party has limited access to phone technology, the Court will allow the party to check in through the Sine Pro app upon arrival at the courthouse.

After a party has signed in, the court will notify the party, through the app or by telephone call to the party's mobile number, when it is ready for the party to proceed to the Section "C" courtroom. Mobile telephone numbers should be provided when signing in through the Sine Pro app. Use of this app will allow individuals to maintain social distancing while waiting outside of the courtroom and/or outside of the courthouse for their case to be called.

RENDERED, READ AND SIGNED in New Orleans, Louisiana this 20th day of May, 2020.



JUDGE VERONICA E. HENRY
SECTION 'C'

¹ See Louisiana Supreme Court Order dated May 15, 2020.