

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF THE OGEECHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

Standing Order Governing the Use of Remote Meeting Technology in Court

The Superior Courts of the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit, individually, and collectively, *sua sponte*, hereby order that all individuals utilizing remote meeting technology (e.g. Zoom, Webex, BlueJeans, Intermedia AnyMeeting, Google Meet, GoToMeeting, ClickMeeting, Microsoft Teams, Zoho Meeting) to facilitate witness testimony, present of evidence, live stream hearings or trials, or any other uses of such technology in the courtrooms of this circuit shall comply with the following requirements:

I. Live streaming of courtroom proceedings

1. Courtroom proceedings of any kind shall not be live streamed by anyone without prior written approval of the judge.
2. Courtroom proceedings may be broadcast to remote viewing locations within the confines of the courthouse or Judicial Annex upon written approval of the judge.
3. Approval should be obtained for each day where live streaming or broadcast is sought.

II. Use of remote meeting technology for the appearance of attorney, parties, and witnesses

1. Any party or attorney desiring to use remote meeting technology or software in court must follow any applicable statutes, case law, or Uniform Superior Court Rules.
2. The party or attorney desiring to use remote meeting technology or software must create and circulate the link to those they desire to appear via the remote meeting technology or software. The court and clerks will not provide an account.
3. The party or attorney desiring to use remote meeting technology or software must provide their own technical support or know how to use the technology in each courtroom. The court will not provide technical support.
4. The decision whether to grant a continuance in the event of technical difficulties will lie within the discretion of the Judge. Technical difficulties on either end will not warrant an automatic continuance.
5. The clerk and court will not be responsible for technical difficulties and may not be able to assist with any remote meeting technology or software related questions/issues.

6. Please contact the clerk or court administrator if you need access to any courtroom to assess technological capabilities or test devices.
7. It is the responsibility of the party desiring to use remote meeting technology to make all arrangements with the individual appearing or with any facility they may be in (RSAT, jail, prison system, treatment facilities, etc...).

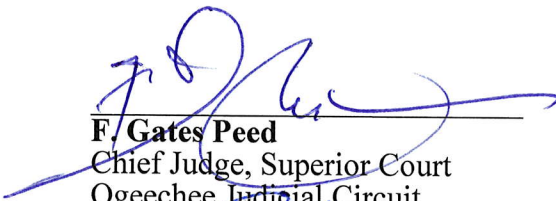
III. Effective Date

This Order applies to all cases in the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit upon the filing of this Order.


IV. Duration

This Standing Order Governing the Use of Remote Meeting Technology in Court shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Superior Courts of the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit.

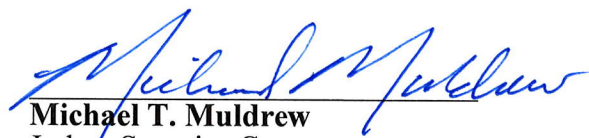
SO ORDERED, this 8 day of September, 2023.



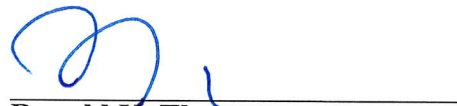
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