



# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT Northern District of Georgia

*Honorable Thomas W. Thrash, Jr., Chief  
Judge*

*James N. Hatten, District Court  
Executive/Clerk of Court*

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When a proceeding is to be conducted via remote means to which the media and public are permitted access, a docket entry will appear in the case record available on PACER with instructions for accessing the proceeding. Members of the media and public may use those instructions to gain access, subject to the following conditions:

1. Consistent with Administrative Order 20-03, Fed. R. Crim. P. 53, Local Rule 83.4, and Judicial Conference policy, **photographing, recording, or broadcasting of any judicial proceedings, including proceedings held by video teleconferencing or telephone**

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2. Connect to the proceeding at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start. It is very disruptive when connections take place at or after the start time. The court reserves the right to deny access to or disconnect anyone who fails to connect before the scheduled start time.

3. During the proceeding, you must mute your device to avoid disruption. If joining a telephone conference, you must not place your device on hold. Otherwise, all participants will hear your hold music, and the proceeding will not be able to continue. If joining a video conference, you must not share your video or your screen. The court will disconnect anyone who is not an active participant in the proceedings and who fails to mute their device or who shares their video or screen. The court further reserves the right to mute and/or disconnect any person who causes any disruption, whether intentionally or unintentionally. Repeated disruptions may force the court to limit proceedings to parties, their attorneys, and others with an active role.

4. You are responsible for obtaining the equipment, software, Internet access, technical support, and any other resources necessary to observe proceedings remotely. The court is not responsible for and does not provide technical support for electronic resources that are not owned by the court.

Note: Depending on the technology being used, some proceedings may have capacity limitations. Priority will be given to parties, their attorneys, and others with an active role in the proceeding.

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