

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT
CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH ARGUMENT PROTOCOL**

The [Powell Courthouse Entry and Oral Argument Protocol](#) (Protocol) was adopted to promote the safety of the Powell Courthouse Complex and protect all individuals who enter the facility. The Protocol limits attendance at argument to two persons per side, provides that other access to oral argument shall be through a live audio stream, requires that anyone presenting or attending argument present proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test at attorney check-in, prohibits entry of persons with symptoms of COVID-19 or subject to isolation or quarantine under CDC guidelines, and requires masking and social distancing.

The certification form must be filed for all persons attending argument (ECF entry “Certification of compliance with argument protocol”). In addition, all persons must bring and present at check-in on the day of argument either their record of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test. Call the clerk’s office at 804-916-2714 with any questions.

Case Number and Title:

- (For arguing counsel) I understand and agree that, if I do not wish to appear in person, I must file a motion for oral argument by videoconference or other appropriate motion at least 14 days in advance of oral argument.
 - (For arguing counsel) I understand and agree that if I am no longer able to attend argument in person due to COVID-19 intervening events, I will promptly advise the clerk’s office and file an appropriate motion.
 - (For all attendees) I have read, understand, and will comply with the [Powell Courthouse Entry and Oral Argument Protocol](#).
 - (For all attendees) I understand and agree that by entering the Powell Courthouse I am making the following representations to the court:
 - I do not have symptoms of COVID-19: temperature of 100.4 degrees or more (as shown by the thermometer at the entrance), chills, cough, difficulty breathing, unusual fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
 - I am not subject to isolation under CDC guidelines following a diagnosis of COVID-19 or probable COVID-19.
 - I am not subject to quarantine under CDC guidelines following close contact with someone with COVID-19 or following international travel.
 - I will wear a mask covering my nose and mouth at all times except that I may, at my option, remove my mask if I am presenting argument at the lectern.
 - I will practice social distancing by maintaining six feet of social distance and complying with courthouse signage and instructions from clerk’s office and security staff.
 - I will check-in at Room 101 (Library) upon arrival and show proof consisting of either (i) a vaccination record establishing that I am fully vaccinated (two weeks after the second dose of a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) or (ii) the negative result of a COVID-19 test administered by a pharmacy or health-care provider no more than 72 hours before entry.
 - I will promptly notify the clerk’s office if I test positive for COVID-19 within 5 days after my presence in the Courthouse.
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I hereby certify my adherence to and compliance with these requirements.

Name:

Signature:

Email Address:

Date: