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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN United States District Court

Honorable Sean F. Cox, Chief Judge
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Information on Accessing Court Proceedings

In light of the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency, many civil hearings and some criminal hearings in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan will be conducted either by teleconference or videoconference in addition to in-person proceedings. Follow guidance from the Judicial Conference of the United States, and under authority provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES ACT"), members of the press and public will be permitted to hear and/or observe telephonic and video hearings, free of charge to the extent practicable.

- For information on how to access court proceedings, [visit our Court Calendar](#).
- Log-in information will also be available on [PACER](#).

PLEASE NOTE: Any recording of a court proceeding held by video or teleconference, including "screen-shots" or other visual copying of a proceeding is absolutely prohibited. Violation of these prohibitions may result in sanctions, including removal of court-issued media credentials, restrict access to future hearings, denial of entry to future hearings, or any other sanctions deemed necessary by the court. Members of the press and the public are also expected to mute their phones during telephonic hearings and to not disrupt proceedings in any manner.

Local Rule 83.32(e)(2): "Taking photographs or video recordings in connection with any Judicial Proceeding... and the recording or broadcast of Judicial Proceedings by radio or television or other means is prohibited."

Email the [Public Access Team](#) if you have any questions.

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