

FIFTH CIRCUIT
COURT OF APPEAL
STATE OF LOUISIANA

IN RE: ORAL ARGUMENT VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Governor of Louisiana in [Proclamation 25 JBE 2020](#) of March 11, 2020 did declare a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Louisiana in its [Order](#) of March 16, 2020 did urge all Courts of Louisiana to utilize teleconferencing and videoconferencing technologies;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal did implement videoconferencing technology for oral argument;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that counsel of record in cases scheduled for oral argument via videoconferencing shall, not less than three days prior to the scheduled date of oral argument, identify counsel who will present argument via videoconferencing;

IT IS ORDERED that only one individual shall be permitted to appear on screen for each party; clients, co-counsel, and any other individuals shall not appear on screen.

IT IS ORDERED that counsel participating in oral argument via videoconferencing shall not participate anonymously but shall use profiles that identify the participants by name;

IT IS ORDERED that any recording of oral argument, by audio, video, transcription, or any other means, is strictly prohibited;

IT IS ORDERED that counsel shall be properly attired for oral argument; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that violations of the foregoing shall be punishable by contempt of court.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 21st day of May, 2020.

SMC

Chief Judge Susan M. Chehardy