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Courts Using Videoconference Software



Click on the state name below to see the related use of videoconferencing technology.

This list tracks the actual use of videoconferencing technology by state and federal courts in lieu of a traditional courtroom setting. It lists the videoconferencing technology used by each state, if known, and provides a link to the source documenting the use. The list is updated periodically and subject to change to reflect each state's attempts to adapt to conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Alabama	Maine	
Alaska	Maryland	
Arizona	Massachusetts	
Arkansas	Michigan	Pennsylvania
California	Minnesota	Rhode Island
Colorado	Mississippi	South Carolina
Connecticut	Missouri	South Dakota
Delaware	Montana	Tennessee
Florida	Nebraska	Texas
Georgia	Nevada	Utah
Hawaii	New Hampshire	Vermont
Idaho	New Jersey	Virginia
Illinois	New Mexico	Washington
Indiana	New York	West Virginia
Iowa	North Carolina	Wisconsin
Kansas	North Dakota	Wyoming
Kentucky	Ohio	
Louisiana	Oklahoma	
	Oregon	

State	Court	Video Conferencing Tool	Comment
	Unified Judicial System (All)	Zoom	Approved for use in all courts. The second link is Jefferson County specific. The third link is Cullman County specific. Source
Alabama	Unified Judicial System (All, Jefferson County)	Zoom	Approved for use in all courts. This link is Jefferson County specific. Source
	Unified Judicial System (All, Cullman County)	Zoom	Approved for use in all courts. This link is Cullman County specific. Source
Alaska	Supreme Court	Unknown	The Supreme Court livestreamed an oral argument on an unknown video conferencing platform. The video shows that some participants were remote while others were not. Source
Arizona	Supreme Court	Zoom	The Supreme Court utilized "videoconferencing" technology for their oral argument. Source
	Supreme Court	Zoom	Oral arguments. Source
	All courts	Zoom	Arkansas has partnered with Zoom, but it's not clear whether they have started using it for proceedings. Source
Arkansas	Washington and Madison County Juvenile Courts	Zoom	Source
California	Supreme Court	Zoom	The Court webcasts its oral arguments and upon viewing the latest webcast, the justices are using Zoom. Source

State	Court	Video Conferencing Tool	Comment
Fresno County Courts	Zoom	Using Zoom for arraignments. Source	
Contra Costa County Courts	Zoom	Court appearances. Source	
Sacramento County Superior Courts	Zoom	Arraignments and Preliminary hearings. Source	
Santa Maria Criminal Court	Zoom	Source	
Colorado	Supreme Court	Zoom	Oral arguments. Source
	United States Bankruptcy Court	Zoom	Source
Connecticut	Supreme and Appellate Courts	Unknown	The courts will begin hearing arguments remotely. It wasn't explicit as to what form (video or audio) that this would take. Source
Delaware	Chancery Court	Zoom	Some judges have used it (see link for more) for various proceedings but have not attempted it for a trial. Source
	Supreme Court	Zoom	See link for videos of arguments to date Source
Florida	Eighth Judicial Circuit	Zoom	Offers the ability for parties involved in court events to appear by video using Zoom. Source
	Broward County	Zoom	Source
	Miami-Dade Criminal Courts	Zoom	Criminal proceedings. Source
Georgia	Supreme Court	Zoom	Source
Hawaii	Supreme Court	Unknown	Oral arguments and will be streamed via YouTube. Source
	District Court	Unknown	Criminal proceedings. Source
Idaho	Supreme Court	Zoom	Using Zoom for remote hearings. Source
	Supreme Court	Zoom	Oral arguments and will be streamed via YouTube. Source
Illinois	14th Judicial Circuit	Zoom	Civil matters. Source
	Cook County Circuit Courts	Zoom	Some courts are using Zoom and then streaming it to YouTube. Source
	Supreme Court	Zoom	Oral arguments. Source
Indiana	Clark County	Unknown	Videoconferencing has been used for inmate hearings but the type of tech used is not stated. Source

State	Court	Video Conferencing Tool	Comment
Iowa	Supreme Court		No arguments scheduled. Source
Kansas	Supreme Court	Zoom	Source
	Supreme Court	Unknown	Oral arguments. Source
Kentucky	Henderson Circuit Court	Skype	Source
	Family Court	Skype	Source
	Supreme Court	Unknown	Oral arguments set for June and will also be live streamed. Source
Louisiana	Thirty-Fifth Judicial District Court	Zoom	Court appearances. Source
	Orleans Parish Criminal Court	Zoom	Source
	St. Tammany Parish	Zoom	Source
Maine	Supreme Court	Unknown	Oral arguments and live streamed via their website. Source
	Court of Appeals	WebEx	Oral arguments. Source
Maryland	Anne Arundel County	Unknown	Used for bail hearings, but the type of technology used isn't stated. Source
	Appeals Court	Zoom	Trialing a pilot program for oral arguments using Zoom. Source
Michigan	Supreme Court	Zoom	Source
	Supreme Court	WebEx	For oral arguments, but parties have been given the option post-pone arguments or submit briefs on the merits of their cases instead of oral arguments by WebEx. Source
Minnesota	10th Chancery Court	Zoom	Source
	Hinds County Circuit Court	Zoom	Source
	Chancery Court (Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties)	Zoom	Used for "hearings" according to source. It's not clear what type of hearings are being held. Source
Missouri	Supreme Court	WebEx	The Supreme Court used WebEx for their oral argument. Source
	21st Judicial Circuit Court	Zoom	Order suggesting that hearings utilize Zoom (or any other video-conferencing method). Source
Montana	City of Great Falls Municipal Court	Unknown	Jail arraignments. Source
Nebraska	Supreme Court	Unknown	Oral arguments are currently scheduled to take place. The court has yet to hear a case remotely. Source
	Madison County	Zoom	Some courts using Zoom for those in jail. Source
Nevada	Supreme Court	Bluejeans	See links for orders which specify that Bluejeans will be used. Source

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Court of Appeals	Bluejeans	See links for orders which specify that Bluejeans will be used. Source	
New Hampshire	Supreme Court	Zoom	Oral arguments. Source
	Judicial Branch	WebEx	WebEx has been approved but thus far only probate courts have used it. Source
	Supreme Court	Unknown	A webcast is scheduled for April 27, 28, and 30th but it isn't clear what software will be used or whether remote participation is allowed. Source
New Jersey	All Courts	Zoom	Instructions on how to use Zoom for hearings. See third link for information on bench trials occurring via video conferencing. Primary Source , Secondary Source
New Mexico	Supreme court	Unknown	The Supreme court livestreamed an emergency hearing on an unknown video conferencing platform. Source
New York	Unified Court System (all)	Skype	The Supreme Court issued an order allowing for all proceedings to move forward via Skype or teleconference. Source
North Carolina	Courts, generally	Zoom	Source
	Courts of Appeal	Webex	Source
North Dakota	Supreme Court	Zoom	Source
	Supreme Court	Zoom	Source
	General Sessions Court	WebEx	Source
Ohio	Franklin County Municipal and Common Pleas Courts	Unknown	Used for arraignments, the exact program used is unknown. Source
	21st Judicial District Court	Unknown	Exact program used is not specified. Source
Oklahoma	Supreme Court	Unknown	Oral arguments which will also be webcasted. Source
	Court of Appeals	Unknown	Oral arguments which will also be webcasted. Source
	Josephine County	WebEx	Source
Oregon	Muskogee County	Facetime/ Skype	Source
	Commonwealth Court	Zoom	Oral Arguments. Source
	York County	Zoom	Source
Pennsylvania	Supreme Court	WebEx	Oral Arguments. Source
Rhode Island			

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North Kingstown Probate Court	Zoom	Source	
Superior Court - Providence County	WebEx	Receivership proceedings, pre-trial motions, dispositive motions, and pre-trial and status conferences will be handled remotely. Source	
South Carolina	Supreme Court	WebEx	Oral arguments. Source
	Court of Appeals	WebEx	Oral arguments. Source
	Charleston County Courts	Zoom	Using the Zoom video website to hold some court hearings in the wake of the novel coronavirus pandemic. Source
South Dakota	Supreme Court	Zoom	Used for oral arguments. Source
Tennessee	Supreme Court	Zoom	Oral arguments. Source
	8th Judicial District	Zoom	Source
	Collin County District Court	Zoom	Jury selection. Source
Texas	Supreme Court	Zoom	Using Zoom for oral arguments. Source
	McLennan County Courts	Zoom	Source
	Multiple Courts	Zoom	Source
Utah	Supreme Court	WebEx	Oral arguments. Source
	Court of Appeals	Unknown	Livestream, unknown on what platform. Source
	Fourth District Court	Unknown	Source
Vermont	Supreme Court	Facebook	Oral arguments. Source
	Chittenden County criminal court	Unknown	For an arraignment, but unknown as to what tool was used. Source
	US District Court for the Western District of Virginia	Zoom	Using ZoomGov. Source
Virginia	Chesterfield County	Polycom/ WebEx	The second link contains information from the Virginia Supreme Court which suggests using Polycom/WebEx while also discourages using Zoom. Primary Source

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Washington	Supreme Court	Unknown	To be conducted via video conference. Source
	Court of Appeals	WebEx	Oral arguments. Source
West Virginia	Supreme Court of Appeals	Zoom	Oral arguments. Source
	6th Circuit	Unknown	Used in adoption proceedings. Source
	Family Court	Skype	Domestic violence proceeding. Source
	23rd Circuit	Skype	Source
Wisconsin	Supreme Court	Zoom	Source
	Circuit Courts	Zoom	Using Zoom for proceedings and YouTube streams for public view. Primary Source , Secondary Source
Wyoming	Supreme Court	Microsoft Teams	Oral arguments. Source
	9th Judicial District	Unknown	Source

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