

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF
IDAHO**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

F25-DW.2

IN RE: REMOTE APPEARANCE FOR COURT HEARINGS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the court may allow persons to use remote technology (e.g., telephone, videoconferencing) to appear at any hearing, provided that the hearing comports with due process, Idaho Rule of Civil Procedure 7.2, court rules, and Idaho Supreme Court orders. If the court allows appearances by remote technology, the following provisions apply:

- (1) Once a person is logged onto the session, their device shall be muted until their matter is called by the court.
- (2) Persons shall immediately inform the court if their ability to understand or participate in the proceeding is or becomes compromised by the use of remote technology.
- (3) Any person whose remote technology does not allow them to participate clearly and consistently may be required to appear in-person.
- (4) If a person uses remote technology to appear, and their appearance is disconnected, and they do not immediately contact the court or reappear in person or by remote technology, the court may determine the person voluntarily absented themselves from the proceeding.
- (5) The Court shall require assurances of the identity of persons who appear via remote technology. Inability to ascertain a person's identity may give cause for their removal from the hearing and/or require their in-person appearance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that hearings conducted by remote technology are of the same import as an in-person hearing and as such parties should conduct their behavior similarly. Failure to do so may result in removal from the hearing and/or imposition of sanctions.

//

//

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this Order shall infringe on the authority of the court to control and manage the hearing proceedings.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2025.



Barry McHugh
Administrative District Judge

cc: Elected Clerks of the First Judicial District of Idaho
Trial Court Administrator, Lisa Chesebro
Administrative Director of the Courts