

CIRCUIT COURT OF ILLINOIS
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PEORIA, TAZEWELL, MARSHALL, PUTNAM & STARK COUNTIES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 14 - 07

TELEPHONIC COURT PROCEEDINGS (PILOT PROGRAM)

A. Telephonic Appearances

1. Effective September 1, 2014, as a means to increase efficiencies and reduce costs to participants, and pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 185, use of the independent conference servicing company CourtCall is hereby made available for telephonic appearances for pro se parties and counsel of record in selected courtrooms, including at this time, Peoria Civil Courtrooms 203, 213 and 214 and Tazewell L Courtroom 101. All participants are required to follow each presiding judge's specific courtroom rules for this service. Subject to the foregoing, CourtCall may be utilized in all status conferences, pre-trial hearings, case management conferences, scheduling conferences and various motions where evidence will not be adduced, and in all other matters permitted by the presiding judge.
2. Other courtrooms in the 10th Circuit may utilize this service upon authority of the presiding judge and approval of the Chief Judge.
3. Existing Supreme Court Rules, Local Rules and procedures regarding the making of the record by a court reporter or obtaining a transcript after a hearing shall apply to hearings at which telephonic appearances are made. No other recordings are allowed.

B. Scheduling and Notice

1. CourtCall facilitates the telephonic appearance of persons at hearings which have already been scheduled by regular means with the respective court scheduling office or courtroom clerk. CourtCall does not set or calendar hearings for the court. If a court date is not already set, or a motion is not scheduled and noticed via the Circuit Clerk's office in the same manner as any other motion, the case will not appear on the judge's call and will not be heard.
2. Telephonic appearances must be arranged by contacting CourtCall by phone at (888) 882-6878 or online at www.courtcall.com no later than 4:00pm (CST) on the second court day preceding a hearing date.*
3. Persons electing to make a telephonic appearance shall notify all counsel/parties of the same either contemporaneously with any written notice of motion or via fax or email (or, if the former are unavailable, by telephone) no less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled court date. Nothing in this rule shall be construed as modifying the notice of motion requirements set forth in Supreme Court Rule 12 and Local Rules.

* Court approved emergency settings excepted for which as much notice as possible is required.

C. Telephonic Appearance Procedure

1. It is the responsibility of the person making a telephone appearance to dial into the call no later than five (5) minutes prior to any scheduled hearing(s), and to check in with the CourtCall clerk. Persons may be placed on "hold" until the case is called by the Court and shall be immediately available when the case is called.
2. Persons appearing telephonically shall state his or her name for the record each time he or she speaks and shall participate in the appearance with the same degree of courtesy and courtroom etiquette as is required for a personal appearance.
3. Unless otherwise permitted by the Court, to ensure the quality of the record and to assure compliance with Local Rules the use of cellular phones, speakerphones, public telephone booths, or phones in other public places is prohibited.
4. If a person schedules a telephonic appearance and then fails to respond when the matter is called, the Court may pass the matter or treat the failure to respond as a failure to appear. Scheduling simultaneous telephonic appearances in multiple courts does not excuse a failure to appear.

D. Costs

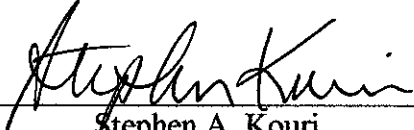
1. CourtCall is an independent service provider. By using the services of CourtCall, individuals are knowingly entering into a service agreement, are subject to follow any additional terms imposed by CourtCall, and shall be solely responsible for any costs or other expenses incurred for those services provided. Under no circumstance shall the Court bear any costs for any telephonic appearance.

E. Rejections, Refunds and Suspension of Privileges

1. The fact that a telephonic appearance is scheduled with CourtCall shall not be construed as a determination that the telephonic appearance is permitted by the Court. Parties and counsel are solely responsible for compliance with the Court's rules and procedures for telephonic appearances. The Court reserves the right, at any time, to reject any telephonic appearance in violation of this Administrative Order or as otherwise necessary for the administration of justice.
2. The Court reserves the right to halt any telephonic appearance in progress on any matter and order the attorneys to personally appear at a later date and time.
3. The Court further reserves the right and sole discretion to suspend any person's ability to appear telephonically using CourtCall's services, and to bar any telephonic appearance in any given case and to revoke use of this protocol in its entirety at any time.

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August 14, 2014



Stephen A. Kouri
Chief Circuit Judge