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**THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF FLORIDA**

TO: Indian River County Circuit Civil Division Litigants and Attorneys

RE: Judge Croom Circuit Civil Court Remote and Courtroom Proceedings  
Zoom Phone: (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 745 046 1040 Passcode: 123456  
[Zoom Link](#), [Online Calendar Link](#), [Proposed Order](#), [Online Procedures](#)

DATE: August 19, 2022

On July 14, 2022, the Florida Supreme Court issued amendment to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.530, on the premise that remote proceedings are warranted based on positive outcomes and efficiencies observed during the pandemic, with an effective date of October 1, 2022. The Florida Supreme Court specifically held that communication technology may be used for all proceedings before a court official, at the discretion of the court official. This court has considered the overwhelming input and the vast geographic footprint unique to civil litigants and attorneys. Acknowledging such positive outcomes and efficiencies in Indian River County Circuit Civil Division, and in compliance with the Florida Supreme Court directives, for all hearings and trials set to occur October 1, 2022 and later, the following procedures apply:

- UMC, evidentiary, non-evidentiary hearings and non-jury trials one (1) hour or less: conducted via Zoom "[Zoom Link](#)" (PROCEDURE UNCHANGED)
- Jury trials: conducted in person, in Courtroom 7. Any witness may appear via Zoom upon agreement of all parties or pursuant to an applicable rule. (PROCEDURE UNCHANGED)
- Evidentiary, non-evidentiary hearings and non-jury trials over one (1) hour: conducted via Zoom "[Zoom Link](#)" unless ***at the time of scheduling the hearing***, all parties request an in-person proceeding, and submit a proposed Agreed Order Setting In-Person Proceeding Over One (1) Hour "[Proposed Order](#)" to [IRCJudge2@circuit19.org](mailto:IRCJudge2@circuit19.org). The court will review the case and the proposed Agreed Order. If the Agreed Order Setting In-Person Proceeding Over One (1) Hour is signed and entered in your case, then your proceeding will be held in person at the date and time scheduled in Courtroom 7. Otherwise, the proceeding will be conducted via Zoom "[Zoom Link](#)". (PROCEDURE SLIGHTLY MODIFIED, TO ACCOMMODATE AGREED ORDER)

In conjunction with this court's Guidelines and Procedures "[Online Procedures](#)," within five (5) business days of any e-filed notice of remote proceeding filed by any party, any litigant may e-file a written objection to the use of communication technology, with a courtesy copy provided via email to [IRCJudge2@circuit19.org](mailto:IRCJudge2@circuit19.org). The court will consider a timely e-filed objection and issue an order addressing the objection.