

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

IN RE: NOTICE REGARDING )  
PUBLIC AND MEDIA ACCESS TO ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-6  
VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE )  
HEARINGS DUE TO COVID-19 )

In light of the ongoing national emergency with respect to the coronavirus pandemic, the United States District Court for the District of Kansas has issued general orders supporting video and teleconferencing for civil and criminal hearings in accordance with the applicable statutes and rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States. This court supports public access to hearings before the court and, for the duration of this national emergency, makes the following accommodations available:

- 1) Access to teleconference and videoconference hearings will be made available to the public via teleconference by contacting counsel for the parties or the courtroom deputy for the presiding judge. You can find the appropriate chambers' phone number at <http://ksd.uscourts.gov/index.php/our-judges/> and they can give you the necessary information. If you do not know which chambers, please call the clerk's office.
- 2) Whenever possible, please test and verify your equipment prior to the hearing. If you are having difficulty completing access, please utilize your IT resources to verify equipment functionality. Court IT can be reached at 785-338-5592 for general questions related to access.
- 3) Persons granted remote access to proceedings are reminded of the general prohibition against photographing, recording, and rebroadcasting of court proceedings. (Local Rule 83.2.1 in pertinent part provided below.) Violation of these prohibitions may result in sanctions, including removal of court issued media credentials, restricted entry to future hearings, denial of entry to future hearings, or any other sanctions deemed necessary by the presiding judicial officer.

**RULE 83.2.1 PHOTOGRAPHING, RECORDING AND BROADCASTING**

Except for devices used in connection with official court records, the following are prohibited in the courthouse: (1) radio or television broadcasting; and (2) the use of reproduction or recording equipment that is (a) photographic, (b) electronic, or (c) mechanical. Ceremonial proceedings such as the administration of oaths of office to appointed officials of the court, naturalization, and presentation of portraits or awards may be photographed in or broadcast from the courtroom, only with permission and under the supervision of the court. This rule does not apply to employees who work in the courthouse, or to use of courtrooms by other government agencies.

Dated this 16th day of April 2020.

s/ Julie A. Robinson

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JULIE A. ROBINSON, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT