

LAKE CIRCUIT COURT
CROWN POINT, INDIANA

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IN RE: THE MATTER OF PERMITTING
TELEPHONIC APPEARANCE AND
CONTINUANCE MOTIONS FOR
CERTAIN COURT DATES

Cause No. 45C01-2023-CB- 57
Hon. Marissa McDermott

ORDER

WHEREAS the United States Center for Disease Control is encouraging "social distancing" as a means of limiting the spread of COVID-19 and other potentially fatal viruses; and

WHEREAS the court finds that mitigation of the spread of contagions outweighs the benefit of having in-person appearances on non-evidentiary court settings; and

WHEREAS continuing certain court dates may help mitigate the exposure of individuals appearing in court, the Lake Circuit Court now FINDS and ORDERS as follows:

- (1) Effective March 10, 2020 and extending through April 10, 2020, any attorney wishing to appear remotely for any status conference or non-evidentiary hearing is hereby given permission to do so.
- (2) During this time period and for these types of court dates, no motion to appear telephonically is necessary. However, an attorney choosing to appear remotely as a result of this order shall file a simple "Notice of Remote Appearance" so that the court staff and court are informed.
- (3) Remote appearances shall be coordinated through the CourtCall remote appearance system. They may be reached at 1-888-88-COURT or courtcall.com.
- (4) With respect to evidentiary hearings and trials, the court now hereby finds that (a) the existence of flu or flu-like symptoms in any attorney, self-represented litigant, or witness expected to testify; or (b) exposure of such individuals to anyone who has or may have COVID-19, shall be considered "good cause" for any motion made to either appear remotely or continue a court setting. To the extent possible without violating statutory or constitutional rights, the court will endeavor to accommodate requests made pursuant to this order.

This foregoing order shall expire on April 10, 2020, unless terminated or extended by further order of this court. Clerk: T.R. 72 Notice.

SO ORDERED this 10th day of March, 2020.



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