

**COURT DOCKETS AND COURT PROCEEDINGS
IN-PERSON AND REMOTE HEARINGS – EFFECTIVE March 7, 2022**

Except as listed below, or as may be allowed by a Judge or Magistrate on the court's own initiative, or in response to a motion, all hearings, trials, and conferences (including civil and criminal pretrial conferences and status conferences) in all matters, including criminal, civil, family, will be held in-person in the courthouse. Motions for remote participation will be considered by the court on a case-by-case basis.

Unless Ordered by this Court, the following proceedings will continue to be **held as remote proceedings**:

1. Administrative appeals;
2. CINA proceedings;
3. Guardianship proceedings;
4. Juvenile delinquency proceedings;
5. Record appeals;
6. Uncontested divorces on Magistrate Dockets.

The following hearing types will be scheduled as in-person hearings, however, if parties all consent, they may contact Calendar Management (CCMO) to request to convert the proceeding to a remote event (a motion does not need to be filed):

1. Magistrate contempt hearings (with the exception of DSS child support contempts which will all be held in-person);
2. Magistrate custody, default, emergency, and visitation hearings;
3. Magistrate modification hearings;
4. Oral exams;
5. Pendente Lite hearings;
6. Family Scheduling/Status conferences (**contact family law, not CCMO to convert to a remote proceeding**);
7. Family law settlement conferences scheduled before a Magistrate (except those family law conferences where consent for a remote settlement was determined at the scheduling conference).

Contact CCMO (410)313-1496/ Sharon.cains@mdcourts.gov or Family Law, (410)313-2403/ Steven.ale@mdcourts.gov for questions.