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Courts Using Videoconference Software



Click on the state name below to see the related use of videoconferencing technology.

This list tracks the actual use of videoconferencing technology by state and federal courts in lieu of a traditional courtroom setting. It lists the videoconferencing technology used by each state, if known, and provides a link to the source documenting the use. The list is updated periodically and subject to change to reflect each state's attempts to adapt to conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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<a href="#">Alaska</a>	<a href="#">Maryland</a>	
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<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	<a href="#">Ohio</a>	
<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	<a href="#">Oklahoma</a>	
	<a href="#">Oregon</a>	

State	Court	Video Conferencing Tool	Comment
	Unified Judicial System (All)	Zoom	Approved for use in all courts. The second link is Jefferson County specific. The third link is Cullman County specific. <a href="#">Source</a>
Alabama	Unified Judicial System (All, Jefferson County)	Zoom	Approved for use in all courts. This link is Jefferson County specific. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Unified Judicial System (All, Cullman County)	Zoom	Approved for use in all courts. This link is Cullman County specific. <a href="#">Source</a>
Alaska	Supreme Court	Unknown	The Supreme Court livestreamed an oral argument on an unknown video conferencing platform. The video shows that some participants were remote while others were not. <a href="#">Source</a>
Arizona	Supreme Court	Zoom	The Supreme Court utilized "videoconferencing" technology for their oral argument. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Supreme Court	Zoom	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
	All courts	Zoom	Arkansas has partnered with Zoom, but it's not clear whether they have started using it for proceedings. <a href="#">Source</a>
Arkansas	Washington and Madison County Juvenile Courts	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
California	Supreme Court	Zoom	The Court webcasts its oral arguments and upon viewing the latest webcast, the justices are using Zoom. <a href="#">Source</a>

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Fresno County Courts	Zoom	Using Zoom for arraignments. <a href="#">Source</a>	
Contra Costa County Courts	Zoom	Court appearances. <a href="#">Source</a>	
Sacramento County Superior Courts	Zoom	Arraignments and Preliminary hearings. <a href="#">Source</a>	
Santa Maria Criminal Court	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>	
Colorado	Supreme Court	Zoom	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
	United States Bankruptcy Court	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
Connecticut	Supreme and Appellate Courts	Unknown	The courts will begin hearing arguments remotely. It wasn't explicit as to what form (video or audio) that this would take. <a href="#">Source</a>
Delaware	Chancery Court	Zoom	Some judges have used it (see link for more) for various proceedings but have not attempted it for a trial. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Supreme Court	Zoom	See link for videos of arguments to date <a href="#">Source</a>
Florida	Eighth Judicial Circuit	Zoom	Offers the ability for parties involved in court events to appear by video using Zoom. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Broward County	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
	Miami-Dade Criminal Courts	Zoom	Criminal proceedings. <a href="#">Source</a>
Georgia	Supreme Court	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
Hawaii	Supreme Court	Unknown	Oral arguments and will be streamed via YouTube. <a href="#">Source</a>
	District Court	Unknown	Criminal proceedings. <a href="#">Source</a>
Idaho	Supreme Court	Zoom	Using Zoom for remote hearings. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Supreme Court	Zoom	Oral arguments and will be streamed via YouTube. <a href="#">Source</a>
Illinois	14th Judicial Circuit	Zoom	Civil matters. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Cook County Circuit Courts	Zoom	Some courts are using Zoom and then streaming it to YouTube. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Supreme Court	Zoom	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
Indiana	Clark County	Unknown	Videoconferencing has been used for inmate hearings but the type of tech used is not stated. <a href="#">Source</a>

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Iowa	Supreme Court		No arguments scheduled. <a href="#">Source</a>
Kansas	Supreme Court	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
	Supreme Court	Unknown	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
Kentucky	Henderson Circuit Court	Skype	<a href="#">Source</a>
	Family Court	Skype	<a href="#">Source</a>
	Supreme Court	Unknown	Oral arguments set for June and will also be live streamed. <a href="#">Source</a>
Louisiana	Thirty-Fifth Judicial District Court	Zoom	Court appearances. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Orleans Parish Criminal Court	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
	St. Tammany Parish	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
Maine	Supreme Court	Unknown	Oral arguments and live streamed via their website. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Court of Appeals	WebEx	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
Maryland	Anne Arundel County	Unknown	Used for bail hearings, but the type of technology used isn't stated. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Appeals Court	Zoom	Trialing a pilot program for oral arguments using Zoom. <a href="#">Source</a>
Michigan	Supreme Court	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
	Supreme Court	WebEx	For oral arguments, but parties have been given the option post-pone arguments or submit briefs on the merits of their cases instead of oral arguments by WebEx. <a href="#">Source</a>
Minnesota	10th Chancery Court	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
	Hinds County Circuit Court	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
	Chancery Court (Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties)	Zoom	Used for "hearings" according to source. It's not clear what type of hearings are being held. <a href="#">Source</a>
Missouri	Supreme Court	WebEx	The Supreme Court used WebEx for their oral argument. <a href="#">Source</a>
	21st Judicial Circuit Court	Zoom	Order suggesting that hearings utilize Zoom (or any other video-conferencing method). <a href="#">Source</a>
Montana	City of Great Falls Municipal Court	Unknown	Jail arraignments. <a href="#">Source</a>
Nebraska	Supreme Court	Unknown	Oral arguments are currently scheduled to take place. The court has yet to hear a case remotely. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Madison County	Zoom	Some courts using Zoom for those in jail. <a href="#">Source</a>
Nevada	Supreme Court	Bluejeans	See links for orders which specify that Bluejeans will be used. <a href="#">Source</a>

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Court of Appeals	Bluejeans	See links for orders which specify that Bluejeans will be used. <a href="#">Source</a>	
New Hampshire	Supreme Court	Zoom	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Judicial Branch	WebEx	WebEx has been approved but thus far only probate courts have used it. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Supreme Court	Unknown	A webcast is scheduled for April 27, 28, and 30th but it isn't clear what software will be used or whether remote participation is allowed. <a href="#">Source</a>
New Jersey	All Courts	Zoom	Instructions on how to use Zoom for hearings. See third link for information on bench trials occurring via video conferencing.  <a href="#">Primary Source</a> , <a href="#">Secondary Source</a>
New Mexico	Supreme court	Unknown	The Supreme court livestreamed an emergency hearing on an unknown video conferencing platform. <a href="#">Source</a>
New York	Unified Court System (all)	Skype	The Supreme Court issued an order allowing for all proceedings to move forward via Skype or teleconference. <a href="#">Source</a>
North Carolina	Courts, generally	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
	Courts of Appeal	Webex	<a href="#">Source</a>
North Dakota	Supreme Court	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
	Supreme Court	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
	General Sessions Court	WebEx	<a href="#">Source</a>
Ohio	Franklin County Municipal and Common Pleas Courts	Unknown	Used for arraignments, the exact program used is unknown. <a href="#">Source</a>
	21st Judicial District Court	Unknown	Exact program used is not specified. <a href="#">Source</a>
Oklahoma	Supreme Court	Unknown	Oral arguments which will also be webcasted. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Court of Appeals	Unknown	Oral arguments which will also be webcasted. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Josephine County	WebEx	<a href="#">Source</a>
Oregon	Muskogee County	Facetime/ Skype	<a href="#">Source</a>
	Commonwealth Court	Zoom	Oral Arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
	York County	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
Pennsylvania	Supreme Court	WebEx	Oral Arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
Rhode Island			

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North Kingstown Probate Court	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>	
Superior Court - Providence County	WebEx	Receivership proceedings, pre-trial motions, dispositive motions, and pre-trial and status conferences will be handled remotely. <a href="#">Source</a>	
South Carolina	Supreme Court	WebEx	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Court of Appeals	WebEx	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Charleston County Courts	Zoom	Using the Zoom video website to hold some court hearings in the wake of the novel coronavirus pandemic. <a href="#">Source</a>
South Dakota	Supreme Court	Zoom	Used for oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
Tennessee	Supreme Court	Zoom	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
	8th Judicial District	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
	Collin County District Court	Zoom	Jury selection. <a href="#">Source</a>
Texas	Supreme Court	Zoom	Using Zoom for oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
	McLennan County Courts	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
	Multiple Courts	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
Utah	Supreme Court	WebEx	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Court of Appeals	Unknown	Livestream, unknown on what platform. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Fourth District Court	Unknown	<a href="#">Source</a>
Vermont	Supreme Court	Facebook	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Chittenden County criminal court	Unknown	For an arraignment, but unknown as to what tool was used. <a href="#">Source</a>
	US District Court for the Western District of Virginia	Zoom	Using ZoomGov. <a href="#">Source</a>
Virginia	Chesterfield County	Polycom/ WebEx	The second link contains information from the Virginia Supreme Court which suggests using Polycom/WebEx while also discourages using Zoom. <a href="#">Primary Source</a>

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Washington	Supreme Court	Unknown	To be conducted via video conference. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Court of Appeals	WebEx	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
West Virginia	Supreme Court of Appeals	Zoom	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
	6th Circuit	Unknown	Used in adoption proceedings. <a href="#">Source</a>
	Family Court	Skype	Domestic violence proceeding. <a href="#">Source</a>
	23rd Circuit	Skype	<a href="#">Source</a>
Wisconsin	Supreme Court	Zoom	<a href="#">Source</a>
	Circuit Courts	Zoom	Using Zoom for proceedings and YouTube streams for public view. <a href="#">Primary Source</a> , <a href="#">Secondary Source</a>
Wyoming	Supreme Court	Microsoft Teams	Oral arguments. <a href="#">Source</a>
	9th Judicial District	Unknown	<a href="#">Source</a>

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