

Instructions for Appearance by Videoconference in Criminal Cases

Counsel may appear for certain proceedings, as set forth below, by contacting the Court's Judicial Assistant, Lisa Elkhouri, by email to Lisa.Elkhouri@flcourts18.org, at least two days before the hearing and following the **Instructions for Appearance by Videoconference** accessible from the Scheduling page of davidsilverman.com.

Videoconference appearance for counsel and represented Defendant is authorized for the following proceedings:

1. Docket Sounding, Calendar Call, Orders to Show Cause, and hearings on Civil Traffic Infractions, Motions to Recall Bench Warrant and non-evidentiary motion hearings, except as set forth below;
2. Plea of Guilty or No Contest hearings provided a completed plea form and any required set of fingerprints are provided in written form prior to the plea and provided incarceration is not then being imposed; and,
3. Any other hearing or proceeding for which leave to appear by videoconference is granted.

Videoconference appearance is not authorized for:

1. Jury and Non-Jury Trials, except as authorized by Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order 20-23, Amendment 13, May 6, 2021, or other operative Administrative Order of the Florida Supreme Court;
2. Bond hearings, including, without limitation, hearings on Motion to Revoke Bond, Motions to Modify Bond and Motions to Vacate Bond Forfeiture; and,
3. Any proceeding for which the Court has directed appearance only in person.

Persons appearing by videoconference should ensure a stable connection prior to the proceedings to avoid any inadvertent failure to appear.