## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3.910 1/19

IN RE: WEB-BASED VIDEO CONFERENCING IN CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISIONS

Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.530 provides that a judge may direct that communication equipment be used for a motion hearing, pretrial conference or a status conference with notice to the parties and consideration of any objections to the use of the equipment. The use of video conferencing in non-evidentiary court events improves the efficiency of the judiciary and provides a savings to the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

- 1. A web-based video conferencing technology project will commence February 1, 2019 in circuit civil divisions for non-evidentiary hearings.
- 2. Participation by each Circuit Civil division is optional. A current list of participating divisions can be found at <a href="https://15thcircuit.com/services/court-technology/approved-video">https://15thcircuit.com/services/court-technology/approved-video</a>. Each division will have its own rules and instructions that participants are to follow.
- 3. Only vendors registered with the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit's Court Technology Office can be used to provide web-based video conferencing services as part of this project.
  - a. Companies can register to be an approved vendor by emailing a completed, signed <u>Video Appearance Acceptable Use Policy</u> form, found at <a href="https://15thcircuit.com/services/court-technology/approved-video">https://15thcircuit.com/services/court-technology/approved-video</a>, to <a href="https://15thcircuit.com/services/court-technology/approved-video">https://15thcircuit.com/services/court-technology/approved-video</a>, to <a href="https://15thcircuit.com/services/court-technology/approved-video">CAD-Video Appearances@pbcgov.org</a>.
  - b. Parties can locate approved vendors at: <a href="https://15thcircuit.com/services/court-technology/approved-video">https://15thcircuit.com/services/court-technology/approved-video</a>.
- 4. Web-based video conferencing technology will be available when all parties have signed and filed the Acceptable Use Policy found at https://15thcircuit.com/services/court-technology/approved-video.

- 5. Costs for the web-based video conferencing are to be borne by the parties in accordance with the approved vendor's policies.
- 6. All forms, notices and links for the Video Appearance Project are available on the Circuit's website at the following link: https://15thcircuit.com/services/court-technology/approved-video

**DONE AND SIGNED** in chambers in West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida this 3 \ day of January, 2019

Krista Marx Chief Judge