

Judge: Curt Benson

Weekly Schedule:

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Benson	AM:		Trial	Status Conf	Conferences/Trial	Motions
	PM:	Trial	Trial	Trial	Sentencings	Misc

Hearings: Judge Benson will be handling Civil case hearings remotely or in-person, attorney choice and Criminal cases will be in-person.

Judge reserves the right to make exceptions to this arrangement. Make sure you read your paperwork carefully and contact his/her clerk if you have questions.

In Person Hearing Protocols:

- Persons experiencing fever or other symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should not attend in person hearings and are encouraged to seek testing
- Unvaccinated persons should wear a facial covering within the building (the temporary removal of a facial covering for essential functions such as identification only adds marginal risk and is acceptable)
- The spacing of individuals will be done, within reason, to maximize social distancing
- Unessential personal contact and crowding will be avoided
- Facial coverings will be available

Procedure for requesting Remote or In-Person Hearings:

If you would like to request that your hearing be changed from in-person to remote, or vice versa, submit a written request to the judge's staff at least 2 weeks prior to the hearing with the following information:

1. Your name
2. Hearing date and time
3. Your reason for requesting a remote hearing

The judge's staff will contact you with a response, and if applicable, a zoom address to attend the hearing virtually at least one business day before the hearing date.

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Zoom Meeting ID Number: 805 996 3007

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YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz67dlieunQ9F8wxPv48WZw>