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Press release

RE: 44th Judicial Circuit (Wright, Douglas, and Ozark Counties) audio-visual connectivity for courts, jails, and juvenile detention center.

As of March 19, 2020 the jails in Wright, Douglas, and Ozark Counties will allow attorney-client meetings via Zoom. Zoom is a securely-encrypted free software program that is universally available for cellular phone, laptop, tablet, as well as desktop applications. You may contact the jails to set up these conferences via telephone as follows:

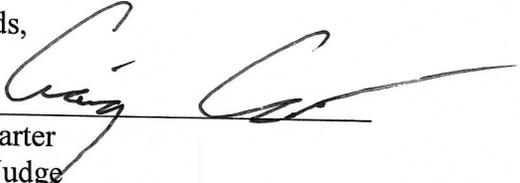
Wright County: (417) 741-7576
Douglas County: (417) 683-1020
Ozark County: (417) 679-4633

In addition, the Ozarks Regional Juvenile Detention Center will be allowing visitation by audio-visual means only. This visitation will be conducted via Zoom as well. People may arrange an AV conference by contacting the Detention Center at (417) 926-3129, and ask for detention. The juvenile detention center AV capability will be online within the week.

All courts within the 44th Circuit are also conducting hearings via Polycom. An attorney may participate in such a hearing by informing the circuit clerk of his or her email address. The Polycom system email to the attorney will include a hotlink. By clicking on the hotlink, the attorney will be allowed into the AV hearing via a web-based program (no download necessary). Please contact the judge presiding over your case to arrange these hearings.

For the judges in the circuit, we wish to thank you for your patience as we attempt to keep our cases moving. Please know that the judges, sheriffs, and circuit clerk staff are working diligently to ensure alternate means of ensuring Missouri's citizens have speedy access to our courts during the coronavirus slowdown.

Best regards,


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