



Your Hearing Will Be Remote – But You Can't Be “Distant”

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The Happiness Museum & Happiness Research Institute



Create all the happiness you are able to create; remove all the misery you are able to remove. Every day will allow you – will invite you to add something to the pleasure of others – or to diminish something of their pains.

Jeremy Bentham

Copenhagen, Denmark



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Know the Rules at SOAH (or the Court)



- SOAH: Pre-file exhibits 10 days before hearing
- Remote depo allowed with “reasonable prior notice.” TRCP 199.1(b)



State Office of
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Guide to Attending a Zoom Videoconference Hearing or Mediation

Some of SOAH's hearings and mediations are being conducted by videoconference using Zoom. This guide shows how to attend a Zoom videoconference.

You can appear and participate in a Zoom hearing or mediation with your desktop or laptop computer, with your smart phone or tablet device, or you can participate by dial-in telephone. To join with video, you will need a computer or other electronic device that has access to the internet and a camera. To join the hearing with a smartphone or tablet, you will need to download the Zoom app on the device and allow the app to access your smartphone's camera and microphone.

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- <https://topics.txcourts.gov>
- Anything not covered by Rules – ask
- Unique or changed circumstances – ask

Choose the Court Reporter Carefully



- Technology
- Customer Support
- Court Reporter Video? Or videographer with the Witness?
- Confirm 5 and 1 day prior

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Choose the Court Reporter Carefully



- Test the link in advance
- Help them do their job
 - Show up early
 - One person talks at a time
 - Invite them to ask for breaks
 - Invite them to interrupt

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