



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

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Texas Administrative Law Seminar

Susan Dillon Ayers  
sayers@jw.com  
(512) 658-5105

1

## 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



2

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



State Office of  
Administrative Hearings

## 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.

- <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

5

## 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

6

Find the full text of this and thousands of other resources from leading experts in dozens of legal practice areas in the [UT Law CLE eLibrary \(utcle.org/elibrary\)](https://utcle.org/elibrary)

Title search: Your Hearing Will Be Remote - But You Can't Be "Distant"

Also available as part of the eCourse

[2024 Advanced Texas Administrative Law eConference](#)

First appeared as part of the conference materials for the

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Texas Administrative Law Seminar session

"Your Hearing/Deposition Will Be "Remote" But You Can't Be "Distant" "