

Judge Rohrs – Criminal Webex Information

Your case will be taken up and heard via Webex, a free audio-visual web based platform which requires no fee and no download. The Court has a Webex account and will be the host of the audio-visual docket. The docket entry setting the matter for Webex includes a meeting number and a password. You will not receive an email invitation for the Webex meeting.

Attorneys and defendants may, but are not required to, establish a free Webex account by signing up with a user name and password at www.webex.com. Establishing an account is not necessary to join any meeting. Joining a meeting is without cost. Attorneys and defendants who participate will need a microphone equipped laptop, iPad or cell phone with a camera and any Ethernet or Wi-Fi connection to the Internet. It is recommended that no one use a cell phone hotspot to enable another device's access to the internet. While one may, it is further recommended no one use a cell phone and its cellular connection to the internet when attending a meeting. If a cell phone is used, it is recommended that Wi-Fi with sufficient signal strength be used for the meeting.

Attorneys and defendants will access the meeting via webex.com, select "Join," and enter the meeting number and the meeting password. The password is case sensitive.

Attorneys and defendants joining the meeting are directed to mute both their microphone and their camera until they hear the Court call their case, when they should activate both their microphone and their camera. When any attorney is finished with all of his or her cases, he or she is directed to disconnect from the meeting. Attorneys are directed to refrain from using any hands free speaker or speaker phone option during the meeting.

Any attorney or defendant who has any questions about Webex may choose to consult YouTube tutorials or may visit the Webex website to conduct a test meeting. Questions beyond that may be directed to the Circuit Clerk's office at 417/326-4912.

Any in custody defendant will be attending the meeting from the jail. If a defendant has an attorney, the attorney will be simultaneously attending the meeting from the attorney's location. If a defendant is scheduled to appear via a DOC polycom Writ, the Court will make that access and the attorneys will appear by Webex.

Any defendant who has an attorney and is not in custody is excused. However, if any defendant and defendant's counsel agree, defendant may appear with his or her attorney from the attorney's office.