



Florida Litigant Access and Economy Act

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Re: Request to sponsor dependable remote access for civil, family, and probate litigants

As a Florida constituent, I respectfully ask you to sponsor and support the Florida Litigant Access and Economy Act.

Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.530 provides a framework for communication technology, but practical access can still vary by judge, division, and circuit. For routine non-evidentiary hearings, an in-person-only requirement can impose lost wages, transportation expenses, child-care costs, disability barriers, and unnecessary travel on self-represented and low-income litigants.

This proposal would make remote appearance presumptively available for non-evidentiary civil, family, and probate proceedings. It would allow remote participation in evidentiary matters upon good cause, including medical limitations, caregiving duties, financial hardship, transportation problems, or employment conflicts. A denial would require specific written findings explaining why remote participation would materially impair due process, witness evaluation, courtroom security, or case resolution.

Uniform access standards would reduce missed hearings and continuances while preserving judicial control where in-person participation is genuinely necessary. Please consider sponsoring this proposal and coordinating it with the Florida Supreme Court's rulemaking authority. I would welcome a brief call with you or your staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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YOUR STREET ADDRESS

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