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MEMORANDUM

To: All Attorneys Practicing in the 394th Judicial District Court
From: Honorable Monty Kimball, 394th Judicial District Court
Re: Transition Back to In-Person Evidentiary Hearings

As we begin the new year, the Court will implement updated procedures regarding remote and in-person appearances.

Effective **January 1, 2026**

- 1. We will continue to hold dockets via Zoom, unless you are directed to appear in person by the Court.**

These settings have proven efficient and will remain remote unless otherwise noted.

- 2. All evidentiary hearings shall be held in person, in the courtroom located at the courthouse of proper jurisdiction,**

This includes any hearing involving witness testimony, presentation of evidence, or the need for the Court to evaluate credibility, *including plea and sentencing hearings*. These matters will no longer be conducted via Zoom. The Court will consider motions for Zoom hearings on a case-by-case basis.

Non-evidentiary matters may still be handled remotely at the Court's discretion. The Court will clearly indicate the form of appearance in each notice of hearing.

We appreciate your professionalism and cooperation during this transition back to in-person proceedings. Our goal is to ensure fairness, efficiency, and the best administration of justice for all parties.

If you have questions regarding these changes or need clarification for a specific case, please feel free to contact the Court Coordinators at 432-837-5831.

Signed on December 29, 2025.

Monty Kimball

MONTY KIMBALL, JUDGE PRESIDING