

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

_____))
Petitioner,))
and)) Case No.
_____))
Respondent.))

ORDER ON REMOTE TESTIMONY PURSUANT TO RULE 241

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on the request pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 241 to allow a witness(es) to testify by videoconference via the Zoom platform for an upcoming evidentiary hearing in this matter, and the Court having been fully advised in the premises hereby

FINDS, ORDERS and DECREES as follows:

1. _____ may testify by videoconference for the upcoming evidentiary hearing due to a showing of good cause. Testimony by videoconference is conditioned on the following rules.
2. The witness testifying remotely may not communicate in any manner with anyone during the examination other than in open court with the examining attorney/self-represented party or the Court.
3. The witness testifying remotely may not consult any written, printed, or electronic information or materials during the examination other than exhibits or other materials referenced by the examining attorney/self-represented party in open court during the evidentiary hearing.
4. Remote court proceedings are recorded by audio in the same manner as in-person hearings; all conversations can be heard by all other parties present and will become a part of the court record. Video or audio recording or streaming of this proceeding by any party through any device or format is strictly prohibited.
5. The remote hearing is an extension of the Court and the same rules regarding dress code, demeanor, language, and respect apply. Any inappropriate language or behavior may lead to the witness being removed from the proceeding and barred from testifying.
6. **Failure to comply with this Order may result in the imposition of sanctions or in a finding of contempt.**

Entered this ____ day of _____ 20__.

Judge Anna M. Benjamin