

FIRST CIRCUIT REMOTE HEARINGS INFORMATION

<u>QUESTIONS ON REMOTE HEARINGS:</u>	<u>CIRCUIT COURT</u>	<u>DISTRICT COURT</u>	<u>FAMILY COURT</u>
<p>Remote Hearings are accessible by Zoom by entering the following Meeting IDs:</p> <p>First Circuit (Oahu) District Court Zoom Numbers</p>	<p><u>Civil:</u> Hon. John M. Tonaki: 808 538 5053 Hon. Jeannette H. Castagnetti: 808 539 4025 Hon. Jeffrey P. Crabtree: 466 798 4465 Hon. Dean E. Ochiai: 895 888 6479 Hon. Lisa W. Cataldo: 808 538 5119 Hon. James H. Ashford: 808 539 4012 Hon. Gary W.B. Chang: 808 539 4084 Hon. James. C. McWhinnie: 808 539 1187</p> <p><u>Criminal:</u> Zoom numbers will be provided to the parties the week prior.</p>	<p><u>Criminal & Traffic:</u> Courtroom 4A: 589 540 4300 Courtroom 4B: 769 012 9369 Courtroom 7A: 668 287 6311 Courtroom 7B: 712 671 8045 Courtroom 7C: 569 520 0689 Courtroom 7D: 898 097 1647 Courtroom 10C: 822 120 5124 Courtroom 10D: 407 181 2003 DWI Court: 921 0695 6851</p> <p><u>Honolulu Civil:</u> Courtroom 10A: 936 4644 0201 Courtroom 10B: 669 372 3318</p> <p><u>Ewa District:</u> Ewa A: 779 575 4192 Ewa B: 492 363 9717</p> <p><u>Kaneohe District:</u> Kaneohe Traffic/Criminal: 928 747 9610 Kaneohe Civil Returnables: 596 725 0378 Kaneohe Small & Regular Claims: 928 747 9610</p> <p><u>Waianae District:</u> Waianae: 483 947 9811</p> <p><u>Wahiawa District:</u> Wahiawa: 357 427 7279</p>	<p>Generally, all family law cases are heard in-person. If you are granted a remote hearing, the courtroom staff will call the parties a few days before their scheduled hearing to confirm e-mail addresses and provide meeting information.</p> <p>For Domestic Division, Special Division, and Specialty Court cases, if the court has an e-mail address for the party and/or counsel, the Court will send an “invitation” to attend the hearing by e-mail, which will include a link to join the meeting at the scheduled time. For Juvenile Division cases, attorneys shall forward the Zoom or other video application information provided to their clients.</p>



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<p>What are the steps for an attorney or self-represented party to request a remote hearing in your circuit?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parties should request a remote hearing from the assigned trial division/judge, except for foreclosure cases assigned to Judge Castagnetti (see below). - If your request for a remote hearing is granted, parties are to include a “<i>Notice of Remote Hearing</i>” with their filings that substantially complies with this form: Attachment to Civil Circuit Court Operational Order #1 Regarding Operations in Circuit Court of the First Circuit, filed March 21, 2022 or Attachment to Foreclosure Operational Order #1 Regarding the Foreclosure Calendar of the First Circuit, filed March 21, 2022. <p>For foreclosure cases assigned to Judge Castagnetti:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All hearing dates are requested through the Legal Documents Branch at LDB1Fore.1cc@courts.hawaii.gov. - Hearings set for Tuesdays and Wednesdays are held remotely, unless otherwise ordered by the court. The moving party must include a <i>Notice of Remote Hearing</i> as set forth above. - Motions to confirm foreclosure sales are held in-person on Thursdays. - See Foreclosure Operational Order #1 Regarding the Foreclosure Calendar of the First Circuit, filed 3/21/2022 for additional information. 	<p>Court staff will mail a “<i>Notice of Hearing</i>” approximately a week prior to hearing date. The “<i>Notice of Hearing</i>” will provide instructions and information about your upcoming hearing.</p> <p>Note to Defendant: Your citation may state a different hearing date from the <i>Notice of Hearing</i>. It is important for you to read the <i>Notice of Hearing</i>.</p>	<p>No form utilized to set a remote hearing.</p>
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<p>Which hearings are automatically set for remote hearings?</p>	<p>Generally, hearings are held in-person, with a few exceptions. For example, hearings involving multiple sets of attorneys and/or parties may, in the judge’s discretion, be held remotely if physical distancing requirements in the courtrooms cannot be maintained.</p> <p>The following <u>must</u> be conducted in-person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Return hearings on: a) Publication of summonses; b) Garnishee summonses; and c) Examinations of judgment debtor(s) or persons having knowledge of judgment debtor(s); - Hearings on motions to confirm foreclosure sales because of the potential for the auction to be re-opened by non-party bidders; - Contested matters (unless physical distance requirements cannot be met); - Uncontested petitions including, but are not limited to, a) Appointment of a conservator; b) Appointment of a guardian; c) Confirmation of sale of real property; and d) other matters where counsel knows that an interested person plans to attend; - Contested petitions; or - Any hearing the presiding judge determines must be conducted in person. 	<p>Generally, remote hearings shall be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arraignments and pleas in non-custody criminal and criminal traffic matters at the Honolulu District Court; and - Traffic and other infraction hearings under Haw. Rev. Stat. § 291D-8 in the Honolulu District Court. <p>The following may be conducted in person or remotely, however, parties are encouraged to appear remotely via Zoom if possible. These include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arraignments and pleas in non-custody criminal and criminal traffic matters at the Ewa, Kaneohe, Wahiawa, and Waianae District Courts; - All non-evidentiary criminal and criminal traffic matters (<i>e.g.</i>, pretrial conferences, sentencing, status hearings, compliance hearings, motions to compel, motions to quash, motions for protective order, and other non-evidentiary matters); - Traffic and other infraction hearings under Haw. Rev. Stat. § 291D-8 at the Ewa, Kaneohe, Wahiawa, and Waianae District Courts; - DWI Court; - Community Outreach Court; - Mental Health Court; - Returnable Hearings; - Pretrial and Status Conferences; - Answers, Pretrial Conferences Status Conference and Motions Calendars; 	<p>Generally, all family law cases are heard in-person. the following shall continue in-person, unless the court, in its sole discretion orders or approved a request for remote hearing. These include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The First Circuit Family Court adult criminal courts (to include courtrooms 8B, 8C and 8D) jury trials, bench trials, motions and hearings (including evidentiary hearings); - Domestic Division; - Special Division hearings; - Juvenile FC-S and Juvenile FC-J matters; and - Specialty Courts. <p>See Family Court Operational Order #1 Regarding Operations in the Family Court of the First Circuit (3/21/2022) for specifics and additional information.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Settlement Conferences; and - Initial Status Hearings – Small Claims. <p>Generally, the following <u>must</u> proceed in-person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Civil Trials; - Trials, motions to suppress, and other evidentiary motions in criminal and criminal traffic cases; - Temporary restraining orders (TROs) and injunctions under Haw. Rev. Stat. § 604-10.5; and - Cases involving TROs and injunctions based on illegal lockouts and utility shutoffs. <p>See District Court Operational Order #1 Regarding Operations in the District Court of the First Circuit (3/21/2022)Order-1-Regarding-Operations.pdf for specifics and additional information.</p>	
<p>If a hearing is set for remote, what does one need to do if he/she would like to attend in-person?</p>	<p>The party should file a request to appear in-person and make sure all self-represented parties who are not JEFS Users are timely served with the request.</p>	<p>A party may file a motion to request to appear in-person for his/her hearing. If the motion is granted, the hearing will be conducted on the date, time, and courtroom specified in the order.</p>	<p>Generally, all family law cases are heard in-person. Please request your remote hearing by contacting the specific judge’s chambers: First Circuit (Oahu) Judges</p>

For additional and current COVID-19 information, please see: <https://www.courts.state.hi.us/covid-19-information-page>