

SUPREME COURT

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NOTICE OF OREGON SUPREME COURT ORAL ARGUMENT PRACTICES DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY

To ensure the health and safety of the justices, the attorneys, the litigants, and the public, the Supreme Court provides the following overview of its planned practices for oral arguments until such time as the emergency has passed and Chief Justice Order (CJO) 20-016 is vacated.

Unless the Court directs otherwise for a particular case, parties should expect that:

- Arguments will be partly remote and partly in person.
- Consistently with CJO 20-025, all persons in the courtroom will be seated at least six feet apart. Attorneys are asked to wear masks when not engaged in oral argument.
- Three justices will be in the courtroom, and four justices will appear remotely by video on a large flat screen placed at the side of the bench and visible to the justices and the lawyers in the courtroom.
- Attorneys arguing the case generally will be expected to appear in person. However, an attorney may move to appear by video rather than in person; the motion should be filed well in advance of the scheduled argument.
- The bailiff and additional court staff will be in the courtroom. To maintain appropriate distance between participants, only the attorneys arguing a case may appear in the courtroom. Other attorneys, clients, and members of the public may watch the live stream of the argument or may later watch the video recording of the argument on the court's website. See the Live Stream Proceedings page:

<https://www.courts.oregon.gov/services/online/Pages/live-stream.aspx>

- All proceedings will otherwise be conducted consistently with the provisions of CJO 20-016, CJO 20-025, and any additional or amended Chief Justice Orders as may be issued in the future.