

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF DESCHUTES

In the Matter of the Conduct of	)	
Hearings and Trials in the	)	REVISED GENERAL ORDER
11 th Judicial District	)	
Under CJO 23-08	)	No 2026-11

Whereas Chief Justice Order (CJO) 23-0028 provides that the Presiding Judge of each Judicial District may determine the manner of holding proceedings,

Now Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED, effective **October 1, 2026**, the mode of appearance for Deschutes County Circuit Court dockets is as follows:

Docket	Description	Mode of Appearance
Civil/Domestic Relations Short	Short matters scheduled for 90 minutes or less, contested restraining orders, immediate danger hearings	In person. If an out of county attorney is representing a party through Legal Aid's Pro Bono program, upon filing a Notice of Eligibility for Remote Appearance, the attorney and party may appear remotely.
Civil/Domestic Relations Long	Matters scheduled for more than 90 minutes, ex parte protective order hearings, first appearance for respondent in temporary stalking order cases	Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) initial appearances may be held in person or remotely by video. All other ex parte protective order hearings may be held remotely by telephone or video. All other proceedings in person. Parties may motion court for video appearance. If an out of county attorney is representing a party through Legal Aid's Pro Bono program, upon filing a Notice of Eligibility for Remote Appearance, the attorney and party may appear remotely.
Criminal Court 1	Out of custody criminal matters	Defendants must appear in person for initial arraignments, first entry of plea, and at

		sentencing for a crime that includes a named victim that is not an institution. All other hearings in person or remote by video. Victims may appear by video or in person.
Criminal Court 2	In custody criminal matters, out of custody 9:00 a.m. arraignments	Defendants must appear for initial out of custody arraignments in person. Court ordered in person sentencing at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. All other hearings in person or remote by video. Victims may appear by video or in person.
Trial Readiness	Trial readiness	In person or remote by telephone or video
Trial Docket 1	Bench and jury trials	In person
Trial Docket 2	Bench and jury trials	In person
Trial Docket 3	Bench trials, default domestic relations hearings	In person or remote by video.
Juvenile Dependency Court	Dependency proceedings	Jurisdiction, permanent guardianship and termination of parental rights trials in person. All other proceedings in person or remote by telephone or video.
Shelter Hearings	Shelter Hearings	In person or remote by telephone or video
Family Law	Family Law/Domestic Relations matters scheduled for 90 minutes to three (3) hours	In person. Parties may motion court for video appearance.
Juvenile Delinquency	Juvenile Delinquency	Juvenile Justice Courtroom: In person. Parties may request permission for remote appearance by phone or video. Downtown Courthouse: parties may appear by video.
Civil Commitment	Civil Commitment	In person if PAMI is placed within central Oregon (Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson County). If the PAMI is placed outside of central Oregon (Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson County), the civil commitment hearing shall be held remotely.

		Court may grant permission for specific witnesses to appear by video.
Aid and Assist	Aid and Assist/Fitness to Proceed Hearings	In person or remote by video
Domestic Violence Deferred Sentencing Program (DVDSP)	DVDSP	In person or remote by video
Unrepresented Docket	Criminal cases without a defense attorney	In person or remote by telephone or video
Landlord Tenant Initial Appearance and Landlord Tenant Trials	Landlord Tenant	Remote by telephone or video
Traffic Arraignments and Traffic Trials	Traffic/Violations	Remote by telephone or video
Small Claims Mediation and Small Claims Trials	Small Claims	In person
Remote Child Support Court	Child Support Contempt and Trials De Novo	Remote by telephone or video

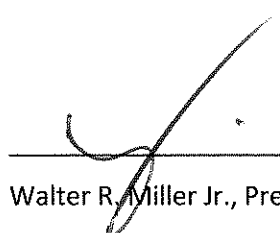
Any hearing, trial or appearance designated to be conducted by remote means may be held in person if so ordered by the Presiding Judge or designee.

Attorneys, parties and witnesses are responsible for reviewing and complying with guidelines for remote appearances, including the procedure for submitting exhibits electronically. Please see the link below to the Deschutes County Circuit Court website related to remote appearances and submission of exhibits: www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/deschutes/go/Pages/Remote-Hearings.aspx

Presiding Judge Order 2026-07 In the Matter of the Conduct of Hearings and Trials Under CJO 23-08 is hereby rescinded.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by further order of the court.

Dated this 16 day of September, 2026.


Walter R. Miller Jr., Presiding Judge