



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
District of Rhode Island

NOTICE REGARDING THE USE OF ZOOM FOR CIVIL TRIALS

In the interests of the efficient and effective administration of justice in civil actions and as part of reasonable public health measures taken to assist with minimizing the spread of COVID-19 during this surge in the pandemic, the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island will conduct all trials and all phases of trial from empanelment to deliberation in civil actions via the [zoomgov.com](https://zoom.us/join) platform until further notice.

If you have a case or controversy that is ready for trial and would like to pursue a zoom jury trial during this pandemic, please contact the Court to schedule a conference to discuss. The Court understands that there might be some hesitancy to pursue a trial in this virtual venue, but the Court is prepared and has the resources to move forward. Procedural information for parties and jurors can be found on our website by [clicking here](#). Specific questions about trial preparation and juror selection can be directed to [Michael Simoncelli](#) in the Clerk's Office.

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Clerk of Court