

BEST PRACTICES FOR VIDEO ORAL ARGUMENT

Before Oral Argument

- You will need a strong, reliable internet connection. Avoid using Wi-Fi. Connection via a hard-wire Ethernet cable will always be faster and more reliable than Wi-Fi.
- Test your video and audio. Turn off all audio disruptions (phones, messaging alerts, email alerts, etc.)
- Unless you've confirmed the quality is sufficient, avoid using an open microphone and speakers, such as those that are built-into laptops or a webcam. Using a good quality headset (headphones with mic) will often help ensure you can be heard and can hear others with maximum quality.
- Avoid using battery power only (laptops, etc.). Plug into a good power source while in the oral argument.
- Avoid using a mobile device if possible. Although tablets (iPads) and smartphones can be used, they are very limited, and the performance is inferior. Video screens should be large enough to ensure adequate viewing of all participants
- Avoid running any unnecessary applications besides BlueJeans, to conserve your computer's processing power and networking.

Day of Oral Argument

- Log into the session 30 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- Your video and audio feed will automatically be muted upon entry. The clerk will unmute you to check you in for oral argument.

- In the event that you lose internet connection or are having any other technical issues with your device, we ask that you call in to oral argument and not attempt to join or re-join via computer. The telephone number was included in the email with the BlueJeans video conference link.
- Everyone will be muted until the session begins. At the commencement of the session, your screen will update to indicate that the session is starting. No action is required on your part, you are still logged into the session.
- Please note that when oral argument commences the session is being publicly broadcast.
- The clerk will unmute all participants when the justices “take the bench.” The Presiding Justice will call the calendar and take estimates at that time. Once this has been completed, the clerk will mute (audio and visual) all participants until your case is called.
- When you are addressing the court, please pause from time to time to give the justices a chance to ask a question.
- When you are not speaking, please mute your mic to limit background noise.
- Upon completion of a case, appearing attorney participants may observe oral argument in the session as attendees. No action on your part is required. Your audio and video will be muted upon completion of your case.