

# United States Court of Appeals

For the Seventh Circuit  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

General Order 21-011

## ORDER Regarding COVID-19 Temporary Implementation of Remote Arguments And Reduction of On-site Staffing

In response to the current surge in COVID-19 infections, it is hereby ORDERED:

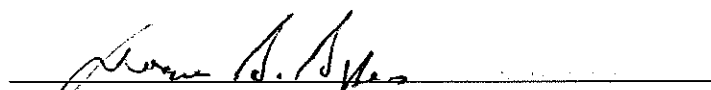
Oral Argument: Cases scheduled for oral argument through January 31, 2022, will be argued telephonically or by video communications.

Counsel may, not later than 14 days before the argument date, file a motion under Circuit Rule 34(e) to waive oral argument if the appeal can be resolved based on the briefs and record and the decisional process would not be significantly aided by oral argument. *See* FED. R. APP. P. 34(a). Counsel must first confer with opposing counsel before seeking a waiver of oral argument, and the motion must state whether the request is opposed or unopposed. Joint motions are preferred.

The court continues to livestream the audio of oral argument on its YouTube channel. Please see the court's website for information about the livestreaming service and other general orders and policies regarding court operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On-Site Staffing: In consultation with the Circuit Executive, court-unit supervisors should exercise their discretion to use telework as appropriate to minimize on-site staffing through January 31, 2022.

For the Court:



Diane S. Sykes, Chief Judge

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 28th day of December, 2021.