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**To all persons participating in Zoom hearings in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit**

Recently a letter was published regarding dress decorum and other matters directed to participants in zoom hearings in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. The letter resulted in a number of inquiries to my office regarding clarification of the contents of the letter. First, all of our judges appreciate the cooperation of attorneys and self-represented individuals participating in hearings to keep our dockets moving.

As Chief Judge I was unaware of this letter going out until I started to receive inquiries. As far as decorum in zoom hearings we have not seen the need to establish hard and fast rules. We certainly appreciate everyone being polite, professional and not disruptive during the hearings. Please remember most all of these hearings are open to the public and thus everyone, including judges and general magistrates, should dress and behave accordingly.

Chief Judge