



# Murray County Juvenile Court Whitfield County Juvenile Court



May 4, 2023

**CIRCUIT JUDGE**

G. Jason Souther

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Re: Teleconference appearances for court and transportation of inmates

1. Regarding the use of “Zoom”, “Webex”, “Microsoft Teams”, or similar audio/video teleconferencing software, the Murray County Juvenile Court and Whitfield County Juvenile Court will permit very limited usage for court proceedings.

The necessity of such software to be used in lieu of physical court appearances has greatly diminished as the Covid-19 state of emergencies on the national and state level have ended. The expectation of in-person court appearances, which existed prior to the Covid-19 states of emergency, must resume.

Therefore, effective June 1, 2023, the use of the aforementioned audio/video teleconferencing software will be permitted in matters in the following instances only:

- a. Court-appointed interpreters;
- b. Representatives of tribal governments; and
- c. Judge appearances.

All other parties, witnesses, or members of the public, must appear in person for Juvenile Court proceedings if they wish to participate.

G. Jason Souther  
Judge  
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