

EXERCISE**VIRTUAL COURT APPEARANCES*****Background***

You're on a litigation team defending your client against an employment discrimination claim. A discovery dispute has arisen, and a hearing on your client's motion to compel has been set for next week. The judge is holding it remotely because most of the parties are out of state.

The partner on the case asked you to handle the appearance. You'll be the only person on your team speaking at the appearance. This will be your first time doing a remote appearance in this court.

Instructions

Come prepared to discuss these questions:

- What kinds of rules and protocols regarding virtual appearances would be helpful to know in advance of the appearance? Where would you find them?
- What are some ways you'll approach preparing for your arguments that are different than if the appearance were in person?
- Who else should you be coordinating with for the appearance?
- You'll be doing the hearing from home. What technical or logistical things should you check in advance of the appearance?