

SUPREME COURT RULE 45

(2) Case participants shall be permitted to attend the following proceeding types via the circuit court's available remote appearance technology **only with the approval of the judge presiding over the matter**. In addition, before the defendant or minor may attend the following proceedings remotely, the court must have accepted the defendant's or minor's waiver of an in-person appearance in accordance with paragraph (d)(3):

- (i) Negotiated pleas;
- (ii) Evidentiary hearings;
- (iii) Sentencing hearings;
- (iv) Probation revocation hearings;
- (v) Arraignments or other proceedings or appearances at which a plea of guilty will be entered;
- (vi) Hearings conducted under the Sexually Dangerous Persons Act (725 ILCS 205/0.01et seq.);
- (vii) **Bench trials or stipulated bench trials**

“4) In Criminal Matters that involve a possibility of jail or prison time, **jury trials** shall not be held remotely, except that witnesses, in case-specific situations, may be permitted to testify remotely with the **approval of the judge presiding over the matter and by agreement of the parties**.” Rule 45 - Remote Appearances in Circuit Court Proceedings, Ill. Sup. Ct. R. 45