

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

APPEALS COURT

NOTICE REGARDING ORAL ARGUMENT

To minimize and allay concern about exposure to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the Appeals Court is hereby ordering that all panel and single justice cases scheduled for oral argument during the remainder of March 2020, including those on March 16, 17, 19, and 23, 2020, will be held by telephone.

Parties and counsel are to refer to the chronology of cases listed on the Court's calendar website¹ and be ready at the time designated to receive a call from the Court to join a conference call with the Justices and other parties on their case. For scheduling purposes, the panel cases will be called at:

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	9:30
2	10:05
3	10:40
4	11:25
5	12:00
6	12:35

The Court will use the telephone number listed on the case docket for each attorney or self-represented party, see <https://www.ma-appellatecourts.org/docket> unless a different number, such as a cell phone or home phone, is submitted to the Court by 8:30 a.m. on the day of argument at AppealsCtClerk@appct.state.ma.us for use at this argument. Cell phone and home phones will be used for this limited purpose and will not be added to the public docket. Parties must check their case docket and verify or update their telephone contact information. Please direct all updates and questions to the Clerk's Office at 617-725-8106 or at APCOralArgument@appct.state.ma.us

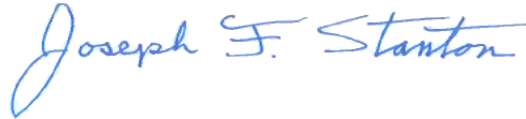
A party may elect to submit their argument on their brief in lieu of oral argument. If electing to submit on the brief, the party should file a short letter at <http://www.efilema.com/>

The Court plans to record all telephone arguments and make them available on <https://www.ma-appellatecourts.org/docket>

¹ The schedule for panel cases is available at <https://www.ma-appellatecourts.org/calendar/ac/#March> and the schedule for single justice cases is at <https://www.ma-appellatecourts.org/calendar/aj>

For further updates, parties should consult the Appeals Court website, register for the Court's listserv at MassAppealsCourt-Join@jud.state.ma.us, and check the oral argument postponements and cancellations telephone message at 617-725-8114. At this time, no decision has been made on cases scheduled for oral argument in April 2020.

By the Court (Mark V. Green, Chief Justice)

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph F. Stanton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Clerk

Entered: March 13, 2020