

Oral Arguments Conducted via Skype in the Second Department

In view of the social distancing requirements necessitated by the current public health crisis, and the obligations of the courts to respect the New York pause urged by the Governor, the Appellate Division, Second Department, has had to transition into a virtual court. Nowhere is that more evident than in the manner in which oral argument is currently being conducted.

If you have a matter on the [Court's calendar](#), and you wish to orally argue that matter, you must contact the Court, via e-mail to ad2-calendars@nycourts.gov. Your e-mail must specify the name and docket number of the matter, as well as the calendar date. It must further advise the Court as to the party you represent, the name of the attorney who will be arguing, and the e-mail address that attorney will utilize for Skype purposes. Please be sure to copy all counsel and self-represented litigants on the e-mail, which **must be sent to the Court no later than 72 hours prior to the call of the calendar on which your matter appears**. Matters on which such notice is not timely received will be marked submitted.

Those who properly notify the Court in a timely manner will receive an invitation to the Skype session the afternoon before argument is scheduled to occur.

You are strongly urged to test your Skype capabilities prior to oral argument by e-mailing the Office of Court Administration at skypetest@nycourts.gov and scheduling a testing time. If you are not prepared, due to technical difficulties, to orally argue at the time the matter is called, it will be marked submitted by you.

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