

COUNTY CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS CASES – DIVISION Y (CC)

Beginning the week of August 2, 2021, all county civil and small claims cases (including small claims pre-trials, motion hearings, final hearings and jury trials) will be conducted in-person in Courtroom 3 at the Plant City Courthouse.

There is one exception: If your case was previously set for hearing on a date after August 2, 2021 and you were advised to appear via Zoom, you may either appear in-person at the Courthouse or via “Zoom” video-conference.

You will receive a written notice, through U.S. mail from the Clerk of the Court, advising you as to your scheduled court date. If the notice does not tell you to appear via “Zoom” video-conferencing, then you must appear in-person at the Plant City Courthouse for your court date.

If you fail to appear at the scheduled time, the hearing may be conducted in your absence.

“Zoom” Information and Procedure

Zoom requires a phone or computer with microphone and video capabilities. You will need to download the Zoom app to your phone or computer before your court date to avoid delays. The Zoom app is available for free for all devices, phones and computers. The Zoom website is <https://support/zoom.us>. To appear through Zoom video-conferencing at the date and time of your court proceeding, you will first need to join the Zoom Meeting link at <https://zoom.us/j/6519848351>. When prompted, you will then enter the Meeting ID number of 651 984 8351. **YOU MUST CONNECT TO AUDIO.** **Please make sure to activate the audio settings so you can hear and speak during the hearing.** Please enter the Zoom session 10 minutes early to allow time to be moved from the waiting room into the court session.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this procedure or whether your case will be conducted via “Zoom” video-conferencing or in-person, please contact either your attorney or Judge Weis’ judicial assistant, Andrea Paxton, at paxtonaw@fljud13.org or (813) 272-6187.