

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Counsel

FROM: Judge Alane Laboda and Judge Keith R. Kyle, 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, CHARLOTTEE COUNTY, FL

RE: CourtCall Telephonic Appearances

DATE: March 2013

For appearances commencing in March 2013, we will join a growing number of Judges in Florida and around the county using CourtCall to conduct telephonic appearances by counsel (“CourtCall Appearances”). In our courtroom, CourtCall appearances may generally be made for all non-evidentiary appearances including Case Management Conferences, Status Conferences, Motions and Demurrers. CourtCall is providing equipment to enhance the process. It is our hope that by making the process more uniform, your practice will become more productive and enjoyable so that the cost of litigation will be further reduced.

Counsel may make a CourtCall Appearance by serving and filing with CourtCall (not the Court), **NOT LESS THAN THREE (3) COURT DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING DATE**, a Request for Telephonic Appearance Form and paying a fee, established by CourtCall, for each CourtCall Appearance.

A CourtCall Appearance is made as part of a Court’s regular calendar and all counsel who have timely filed their request form and paid the fee may appear by dialing the Courtroom’s dedicated **toll free teleconference number and access code**, (if any), **which will be provided by CourtCall, LLC on the confirmation faxed to your office**. A pre-hearing check-in will occur five minutes prior to the scheduled hearing time. A CourtCall Appearance is voluntary **and may be made without consent of the other party, and the Court continues to reserve the right to reject any request**. **In matters where only one party elects to make a CourtCall Appearance, the matter will be heard on the Court’s speakerphone provided by CourtCall.**

You may obtain additional information by calling the CourtCall Program Administrator, **CourtCall at (310) 342-0888 or (888) 882-6878.**

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