

**Procedures Governing Oral Argument  
Before the Division I  
February 15-17, 2023**

**Entrance Requirements for Presenting Oral Argument**

Counsel presenting oral argument and assisting persons are requested to take a rapid antigen COVID-19 self-test within 24 hours before the oral argument session and to notify the clerk of the result before arrival at the courthouse. Negative results may be sent in the form of a statement that counsel or an assisting person has tested negative, and should be directed to the following e-mail address: [Testresults@ca8.uscourts.gov](mailto:Testresults@ca8.uscourts.gov). Any person who tests positive may not appear in the courtroom. If any counsel tests positive, then the court will make alternative arrangements for submission of the case. Counsel should call the Clerk's Office as soon as possible at 314-244-2400 and obtain further directions from the Calendar Coordinator or the Clerk of Court. Any person who wishes to wear a face mask in the courtroom may do so.

**Check-in For Oral Argument**

*Counsel should report directly to their assigned court room for check-in.* Do not report to the clerk's office for check-in. A deputy clerk will be stationed at the court room to complete your check-in for oral argument. Please be prepared to provide the deputy clerk with information regarding dividing time between opening and rebuttal if you are appellant and your desired time for a warning light if you are appellee. Counsel splitting oral argument time should be prepared to provide this information to the deputy clerk. If you are unfamiliar with the court's timing lights or court room procedures, please contact the clerk's office prior to the date of oral argument for additional information and assistance.

All Clerk's Office staff have been vaccinated and will be masked.

