



**Judicial Branch of Arizona
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Some Maricopa County Court Cases Streaming Online
Initial Appearance hearings streamed around-the-clock, 365 days a year

PHOENIX (Oct. 4, 2021) – With many Maricopa County Superior Court cases now streaming online, members of the public who are unable to travel to a nearby courthouse to observe proceedings now have an alternative. While not all hearings are streamed, the convenience offered for certain proceedings increases access for interested members of the public.

Superior Court proceedings at the Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County are available online at www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/calendar/today/.

“During the pandemic, livestreaming ensured the Court was fulfilling its constitutional duty to provide public access to court proceedings, while bolstering the safety of court participants,” said Judge Patricia Starr, presiding judge of Superior Court’s Criminal Department.

To view online, simply enter the case information and wait for the livestreaming option to be posted. The livestreaming icon will appear once the case begins. If the link does not appear initially, please be patient, as the case most likely has not started.

Since the Superior Court allowed full access to the courts on July 19, some proceedings are now in-person. At the beginning of each day, the online hearing calendar will update to show if the hearing will be in-person or livestreamed. If the hearings are in-person only, the observer must go to the courthouse to see them. Maricopa County court facilities are open, but masks are required and health screenings are conducted before entry.

In addition, Initial Appearance calendars, hearings conducted within the first 24 hours of arrest for the purpose of setting bail and release conditions, are streamed on the same page. IA Court, which is heard 365 days a year, begins at 2 a.m., 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. The [watch live](#) option, located in the second paragraph on the page, is activated at the start of each set of hearings.

Through the safety measures taken during the pandemic, which includes remote hearings, the Court has reduced foot traffic in its facilities from 14,000 a day to approximately 3,500 a day and has allowed the Court to continue to do business while keeping employees and the public safe.

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