

Courtroom Guidance for Setting and Resetting Hearings
Held before U.S. Magistrate Judge Derek T. Gilliland

Judge Gilliland holds hearings on most discovery matters. As for non-discovery motions, the Court will hold a hearing if a party requests it. The Court can accommodate a variety of appearances by counsel for hearings set before U.S. Magistrate Judge Derek T. Gilliland. The Court recognizes that individual litigants may prefer to attend hearings in person or via Zoom. Parties are encouraged to meet and confer and provide a joint request on attendance preference (in person, zoom or hybrid) by emailing the Court's law clerks at TXWDml_NoJudge_Chambers_WA_JudgeGilliland@txwd.uscourts.gov and copying all counsel of record in the case. The email should indicate the parties' attendance preference, the names of counsel appearing and whether confidential information will be shared so appropriate measures may be taken to seal the hearing. Once the Order Setting has been added to the docket, you may contact Judge Gilliland's Courtroom Deputy for any questions regarding courtroom setup, courtroom decorum or procedures at Melissa_Copp@txwd.uscourts.gov. The parties' attendance in person or via Zoom will have no impact on the Court's rulings.

If either party requires a reset of the hearing once it has been added to the docket, parties are encouraged to meet and confer and provide a joint updated request that includes several alternate dates and times by emailing the Court's law clerks at TXWDml_NoJudge_Chambers_WA_JudgeGilliland@txwd.uscourts.gov and Judge Gilliland's Courtroom Deputy at Melissa_Copp@txwd.uscourts.gov in a timely manner. Despite the parties' request, a hearing will proceed as originally scheduled until there is a notice from the Court resetting it or an Order Resetting added to the docket.