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Comment:

I agree with the comments of Judges Mack and Bell. Further, I find it disrespectful that a judicial officer must be in his/her county to do remote, and we must hear attorneys who can be on vacation in other states or location for their convenience, yet the same is not provided to us as judicial officers. I have no budget for visiting judges, nor does a judge typically want to handle a probate docket. To keep our dockets up to date and to serve the public timely, we need the ability to remote ourselves when gone on vacations, other travel events, seminars etc. If ZOOM is ideal for us to use, why limit our use? There are many times I would not meet statutory guidelines in MI cases if I had to be in the county 100% of the time, or when I am gone on the last day allowed for a hearing!