Important Court Information and Guidance regarding COVID-19 – updated March 4, 2022

The Ninth District Court of Appeals continues to serve the citizens of Lorain, Medina, Summit, and Wayne Counties during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Court of Appeals remains open for business, the judges continue to consider and decide cases, and they are available to address emergency matters if they arise. The Court will continue to permit teleworking, as needed, but the main office remains staffed, consistent with current health department and CDC guidance.

Based on current conditions, the Court has resumed scheduling in-person oral arguments in Summit County. As conditions permit, the Court will hold in-person arguments in Lorain, Medina, and Wayne Counties. Cases from those counties will continue to be scheduled for remote oral argument via Zoom.

The Court's main office is open, but most questions can be answered by visiting the Court's website at <u>www.ninth.courts.state.oh.us</u> or the websites of the clerks of court for Lorain, Medina, Summit, and Wayne Counties. General questions can be answered by calling (330) 643-2250.

Mediations may be conducted remotely or in person, as appropriate. The mediation attorney will continue to utilize Zoom as a tool to assist parties in the mediation process.