

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION


IN RE: CIVIL CASES ASSIGNED TO
JUDGE VIRGINIA M. HERNANDEZ- Case No. 8:20-cv-862-VMC-TGW
COVINGTON SCHEDULED FOR
MEDIATION ON OR BEFORE
April 30, 2021

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ORDER

In any civil action in which mediation has been ordered and is scheduled to take place on or before April 30, 2021 a participant can satisfy the party attendance requirement of Local Rule 9.05(c) by participating by video conference in the mediation. Participation by telephone will not satisfy the personal attendance requirement unless, in the discretion of the mediator, participation by video is infeasible due to circumstances beyond the control of the parties and their counsel. Parties who have already requested, and received, Court approval to appear telephonically at mediation may still do so, although the Court would urge these parties to make arrangements to appear by video conference. Any party who wishes to appear by video must notify the mediator reasonably in advance of the mediation to enable the mediator to prepare satisfactorily.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Chambers in Tampa, Florida, this
10th day of February 2021.



VIRGINIA M. HERNANDEZ COVINGTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE