

A photograph of two people skateboarding on a long, straight, paved road that stretches into the distance. The landscape is a vast, arid desert with sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the background, there are low mountains under a clear blue sky with a few white clouds. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

# Are You Kidding?

## We're still using Webex?

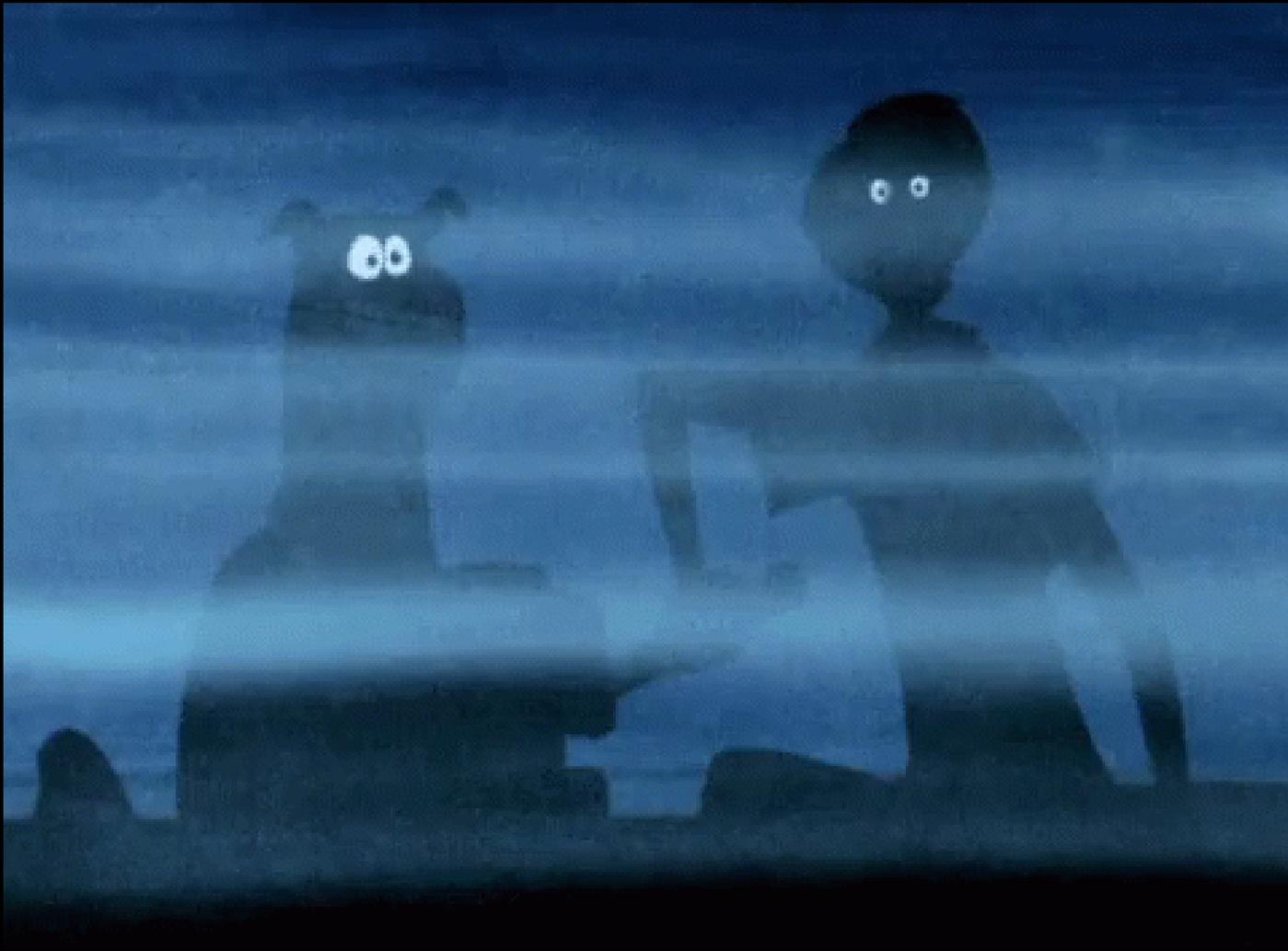
Magistrate  
Jamin Alabiso

Daniel N. Deasy

When you received your first Order telling you that you would be appearing via Webex, did you feel like this?



Or this?



Or, if you're our associates, this?



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Or, as judicial officer, this?

# REMEMBER . . .



We're sort all experiencing  
the same thing . . .



But for some . . .



It has not been as fun!

None of us saw this  
coming!



None of us saw this  
coming!



None of us saw this  
coming!



But by now, we ought to be  
getting more comfortable



So let us share  
10 thoughts on Webex  
hearings after 11 months

Views from the bench  
and a practitioner

# Thought #1 on Webex Hearings



Advocacy is alive and kicking!

# A Few Basic Principles of Advocacy

- All advocates have a story to tell
- We use witnesses and exhibits to tell those stories
- Not every witness can tell the entire story
- Most witnesses have just pieces of the picture to share, even on Webex
- We are really painting by numbers . . . .

As advocates, we must keep  
track of the colors!



Because if we don't . . .



Because if we don't . . .

# Thought #2 on Webex Hearings

1. You must have the right web address
2. You must have the right equipment
3. You must have the right background
4. You must have the right internet connection
5. You must be able to re-connect efficiently
6. You must have a camera that works
7. You must have a microphone that works

**YOU must know how to join the hearing!**

# Thought #2 on Webex Hearings

How do you know all of these things are working?



Know how to join the hearing!

# Thought #3A on Webex Hearings

1. She must have the right web address
2. She must have the right equipment
3. She must have the right background
4. She must have the right internet connection
5. She must be able to re-connect efficiently
6. She must have a camera that works
7. She must have a microphone that works

Your client must know how to  
join the hearing!

# Thought #3B on Webex Hearings

1. He must have the right web address
2. He must have the right equipment
3. He must have the right background
4. He must have the right internet connection
5. He must be able to re-connect efficiently
6. He must have a camera that works
7. He must have a microphone that works

Your witness must know how to  
join the hearing!

# Thought #4 on Webex Hearings

The image shows a screenshot of a Google search results page for the query "How do I use Webex?". The search bar at the top contains the text "How do I use Webex?". Below the search bar, there are navigation options for "All", "Maps", "Videos", "Images", "News", and "More". The search results indicate "About 16,000,000 results (0.46 seconds)".

The "Videos" section displays three video thumbnails with their respective titles and upload dates:

- How to Use Cisco Webex Meetings: Quick Start Guide | Verizon** (Verizon Business, YouTube - Mar 12, 2019)
- How to | Join a Webex Meeting Video Conference** (Webex, YouTube - Mar 29, 2019)
- How to use Cisco's Webex Meetings** (LookingPoint, Inc., YouTube - Sep 26, 2019)

Below the video results is a "People also ask" section with four questions:

- How do I join a WebEx meeting?
- What is WebEx and how does it work?
- How do I use WebEx on my computer?
- Do you need to download WebEx to join a meeting?

A "Feedback" link is visible at the bottom right of the search results area.

# Learn how to use Webex!

And what about  
*presenting* our case?

# Thought #5 on Webex Hearings

## Notebooks?

## How will you show Exhibits?

# Thought #5 on Webex Hearings

Do we deliver  
notebooks to the  
courthouse?

How will you show Exhibits?

# Thought #5 on Webex Hearings

Our clients?

How will you show Exhibits?

# Thought #5 on Webex Hearings

## Witnesses?

### How will you show Exhibits?

# Thought #5 on Webex Hearings

Opposing counsel?

How will you show Exhibits?

# Thought #5 on Webex Hearings

Are we going to try to  
share our screen?

How will you show Exhibits?

Thought #5 on Webex Hearings  
Which to some is like  
rolling the dice!



How will you show Exhibits?

# Thought #5 on Webex Hearings

So how do we get good at it?



How will you show Exhibits?

# Thought #6 on Webex Hearings



Patience!

# Thought #6 on Webex Hearings

There is nothing quick about a  
Webex hearing

Patience!

# Thought #6 on Webex Hearings

The judicial officer is . . .  
deliberate

Patience!

# Thought #6 on Webex Hearings

There are delays because of  
technology

Patience!

# Thought #6 on Webex Hearings

Participants lose connections

Patience!

# Thought #6 on Webex Hearings

Someone cannot hear the  
speaker or be heard

Patience!

# Thought #6 on Webex Hearings

Whatever the cause, you just  
have to roll with it

Patience!

# Thought #7 on Webex Hearings

Talk about before hearing  
starts

Objections

# Thought #7 on Webex Hearings

Should you raise a hand?

Objections

# Thought #7 on Webex Hearings

Some other signal

Objections

# Thought #7 on Webex Hearings

Should you just start speaking

Objections

# Thought #7 on Webex Hearings

The Court will appreciate  
a plan

Objections

# Thought #8 on Webex Hearings

Do you want to see the  
speaker take up your whole  
screen?

Consider the views

# Thought #8 on Webex Hearings

Or do you want to see  
everyone at once?

Consider the views

# Thought #8 on Webex Hearings

Can you see what people are  
looking at?

Consider the views

# Thought #8 on Webex Hearings



Consider the views

# Thought #9 on Webex Hearings

Are they with you?

Communication with your client

# Thought #9 on Webex Hearings

Can you text, e-mail or even  
call them?

Communication with your client

# Thought #9 on Webex Hearings

How do you manage the “I have to tell you this” client?

Communication with your client

~~LEAST~~

# Thought #10 on Webex Hearings

Your Laundry List . . .

Your preparation

## LAUNDRY LIST & BRILLIANT IDEAS

DATE: .....

CHECK

1. Make sure everyone has exhibits in usable form
2. Practice with your client – use Webex to do that!
3. Download Webex onto your device!
4. Make sure you have access info on hand
5. Turn sounds off on other electronics!
6. Do you need a sign on your door?
7. How does the Court want you to object?
8. Do you know how to screen share?
9. Do you understand limits of screen share?
10. Does your computer let you use all Webex
11. functions?
12. The magic of bandwidth!
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# So what do you think?





We are here to tell you, you can do this!  
Very well!  
And when you do . . .

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