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COVID-19 & IN-COURT PROCEEDINGS

- NOW AND FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE
 - In person interactions will have to be limited
 - Protecting Court staff, Judges, Attorneys, Defendants and witnesses
 - Criminal cases still need to be handled, one way or another

Modern Problems Require Modern Solutions

zoom



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Zoom Enables Conferencing & Court Appearances

- Digital Discovery + Zoom Video Meetings
 - *Most* of the functions of working up cases can be accomplished from both sides
 - Imperfect substitute

Conferring With Your Prosecutor

- Procedure will vary from court to court
- Prosecutors can host a “docket”
 - (just remember: always available by e-mail)
- The Court can call virtual dockets

That's nice...but who is the prosecutor on my case?

District Attorney's Department Roster as of February 14, 2020

Last Name	First Name	Division/Section	Court Assignment	Job Title	Work #
Battaglia	Anthony	Civil		Attorney	53918
Bell	Pamela	Civil		Attorney	52170
Bennett	Bradford	Civil		Attorney	53910
Bloodworth	Kristin	Civil		Attorney	53920
Bowen	Susan	Civil		Attorney	52147
Calderon	Gerard	Civil		Attorney	50871
Green	Robert	Civil			
Haby	Leslie	Civil			
Jackson	Paul	Civil			
Jana	Sucharita	Civil			
Karger	Siobhan	Civil			
Piatt III	Robert	Civil			
Prowse	Patricia	Civil			
Roque	Juan	Civil			
Skinner	Melisa	CTD			
Hooker	Joe	CTD - Felony	144th	2nd Chair	53894
Irwin	Caitlin	CTD - Felony	144th	3rd Chair	52406
Durham	Britney	CTD - Felony	144th	3rd Chair	52840
Nisbet	Thom	CTD - Felony	175th	1st Chair	52387
Malloy	Clint	CTD - Felony	175th	2nd Chair	52370
Carrillo	Miranda	CTD - Felony	175th	3rd Chair	52738
Neumann	Christian	CTD - Felony	175th	3rd Chair	52253
Angulo	Emily	CTD - Felony	186th	1st Chair	52326
Stout	Austin	CTD - Felony	186th	2nd Chair	52327
Guerra	Richard	CTD - Felony	186th	3rd Chair	50891
Shaw	Lindsey	CTD - Felony	186th	3rd Chair	52859
Strauch	Tamara	CTD - Felony	187th	1st Chair	52320
Miller	Tiffany	CTD - Felony	187th	2nd Chair	52321
Lovett	Alicia	CTD - Felony	187th	3rd Chair	53623
Patterson	Evan	CTD - Felony	187th	3rd Chair	52366
Haden	Clayton	CTD - Felony	226th	1st Chair	52145

Zoom Docket

ADA Christian Neumann is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

E-Mail Invitation:

Join Zoom Meeting

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+1 669 219 2599 US (San Jose)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 720 928 9299 US (Denver)

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+1 470 250 9358 US (Atlanta)

+1 470 381 2552 US (Atlanta)

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+1 651 372 8299 US (St. Paul)

+1 786 635 1003 US (Miami)

+1 267 831 0333 US (Philadelphia)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

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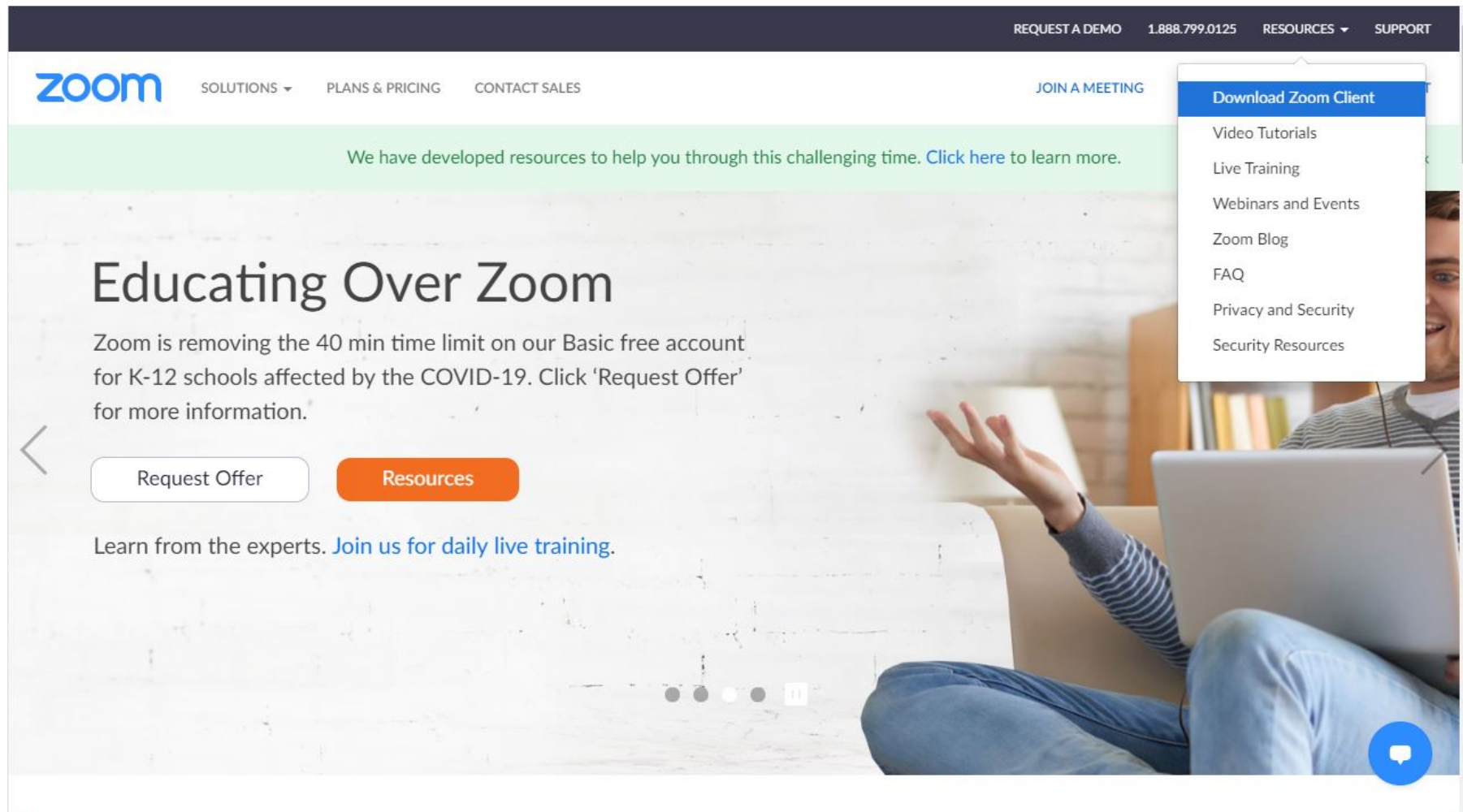
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Link

If You're Here, You Figured It Out

- FREE to sign up & download – www.zoom.us



The image shows a screenshot of the Zoom website homepage. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with links for 'REQUEST A DEMO', '1.888.799.0125', 'RESOURCES', and 'SUPPORT'. Below this is a white navigation bar with the Zoom logo and links for 'SOLUTIONS', 'PLANS & PRICING', 'CONTACT SALES', and 'JOIN A MEETING'. A green banner below the navigation bar contains the text: 'We have developed resources to help you through this challenging time. [Click here](#) to learn more.'

Educating Over Zoom

Zoom is removing the 40 min time limit on our Basic free account for K-12 schools affected by the COVID-19. Click 'Request Offer' for more information.

Request Offer Resources

Learn from the experts. [Join us for daily live training.](#)

A dropdown menu is open on the right side of the page, listing the following options: 'Download Zoom Client', 'Video Tutorials', 'Live Training', 'Webinars and Events', 'Zoom Blog', 'FAQ', 'Privacy and Security', and 'Security Resources'. The background of the page features a person sitting on a couch, gesturing while talking on a laptop.

What To Expect When You Zoom

- Prosecutors are all working remotely
 - Access to local criminal history
 - E-Discovery
 - Generating Plea Documents
 - Investigators are also remote, so those requests take a little longer
 - Out of county criminal history, witness contact info, etc.

What To Expect When You Zoom

- Breakout Rooms
 - Separate virtual room for conferring in private
 - Also utilized in Zoom Pleas
- File Sharing
 - Chat function in Zoom allows parties to send files directly & instantly
- Not limited to just plea bargain talk
 - Discovery issues, presenting defenses

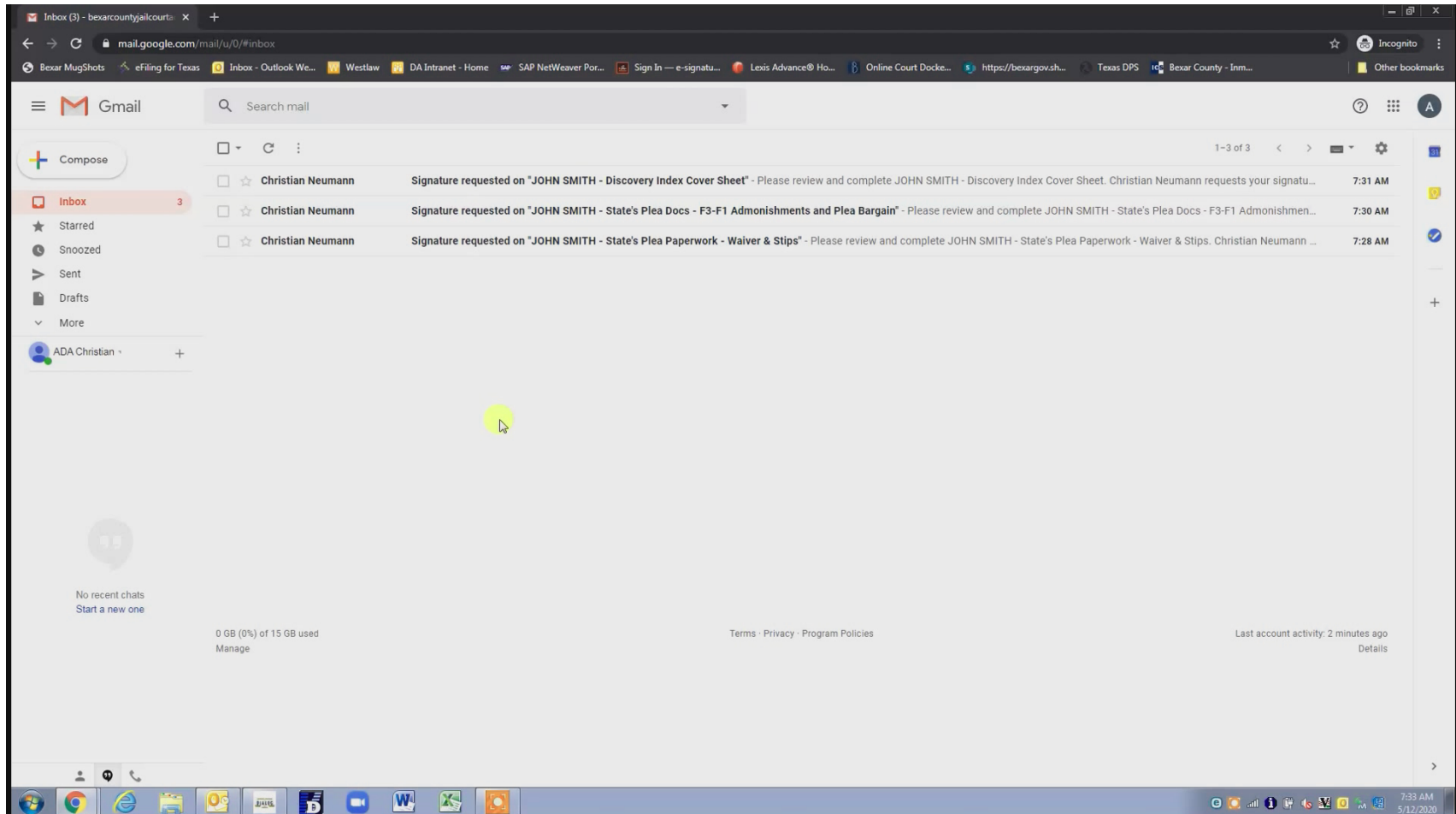
You Zoomed...Now What?



Paperwork Comes from the ADA & the Court

- Just like in Court
 - Inform the coordinator that we have a plea agreement
 - ADA drafts “the paperwork” – Stips, Plea Bargain & Discovery
 - Court provides Applications, Cert of Appeal, etc.
- **All you need:** E-mail & Internet

AdobeSign Paperwork



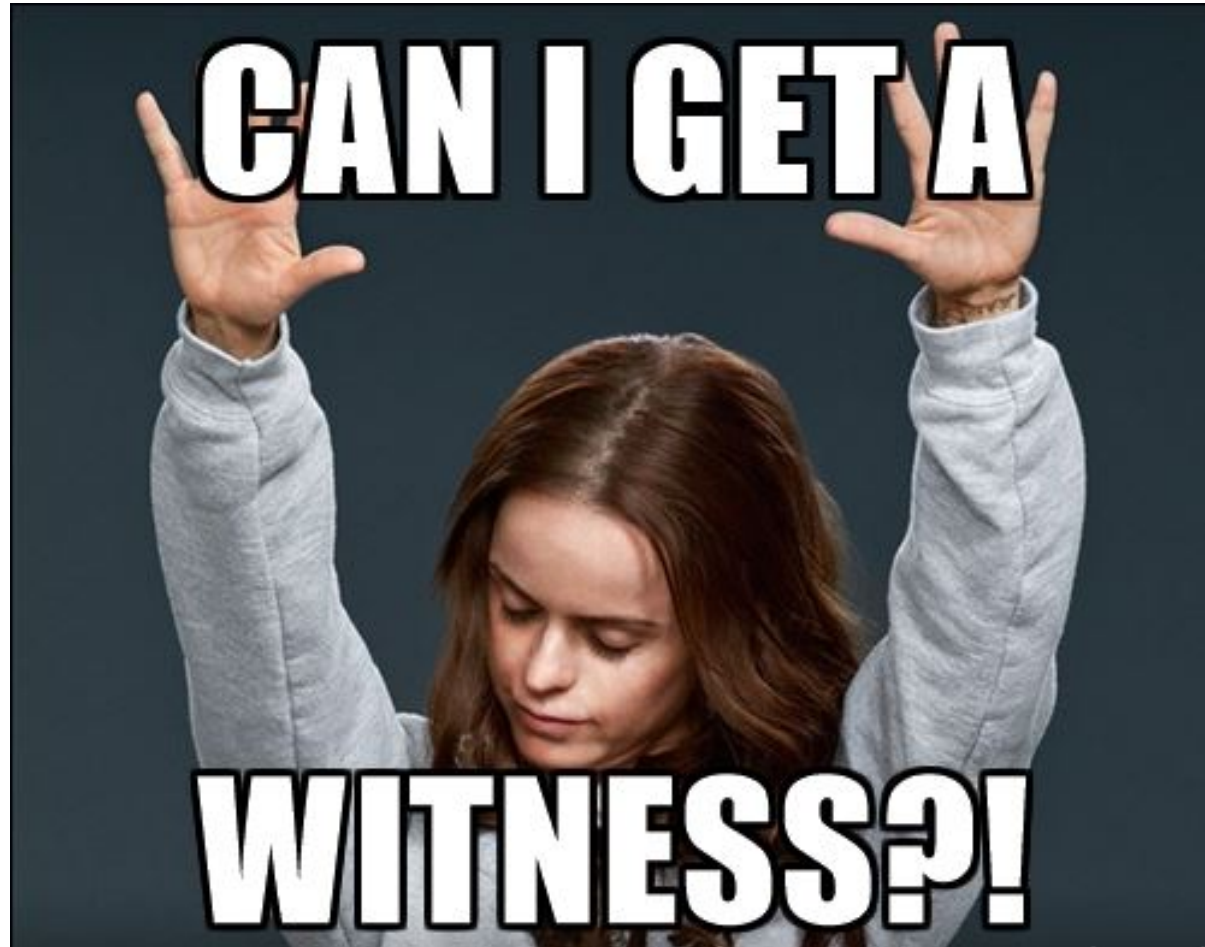
Remember...this is FREE for you

Pleas for Bond vs. Inmate Defendants

- Rule of Thumb So Far:
 - Jail: Anything Goes***
 - Agreed Probation Recommendations
 - Agreed Prison Trips (even if TDC is “closed” right now)
 - *OR* pleas that require a PSI (case-specific)
 - Bond
 - No hearings where the defendant *might* have to go into custody at that stage (i.e., opposed’s reset until in-person)
 - Recommended probation is most common scenario for bond zoom pleas right now

****Both sides still have to consent to the process****

Sentencing & Other Evidentiary Hearings



Exhibits & Relevant Documents

- Planning to use any exhibits or documents?
 - Plan ahead!
- Who needs it & when
 - Slightly different timing for Prosecutor vs. Defense Counsel
- Sharing Docs: E-mail, GoogleDrive, DropBox
 - Agreeing ahead of time: Never required, but it does make life easier during the hearing

Just Remember...



- No need to buy any computer software
- All you need is Internet, E-mail, & a device with a camera on it (smart phone, tablet, laptop, etc.)
- If you're having trouble, don't be afraid to ask for help: MABA, SACDLA, SABA, the ADA, your kids