

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

STANDING ORDER REGARDING )  
COURTROOM OPPORTUNITIES FOR )  
NEWER ATTORNEYS )  
)

**ORDER**

I am cognizant that a small fraction of cases go to trial, resulting in few courtroom opportunities, especially for newer attorneys—those practicing for fewer than seven years. Courtroom opportunities can be important development experiences, so I encourage newer attorneys to participate in proceedings in my courtroom, especially if they drafted or contributed significantly to briefing that is relevant to oral argument.

To effect that goal, I adopt the following procedures regarding oral argument:

- (1) After the parties fully brief a motion, a party may alert me via a Request for Oral Argument or in a separate Notice that the party intends to have a newer attorney argue the motion or a portion of the motion if I grant argument.
- (2) If the parties provide this notice, I will
  - (A) grant the request for oral argument on the motion, if practicable;
  - (B) consider allocating additional time for oral argument beyond what I would normally allow;
  - (C) permit more experienced counsel to help the newer attorney during oral argument, when appropriate.

I will still hold all attorneys to high professional standards, and I expect all attorneys appearing in court to be adequately prepared, to be familiar with the record

and law, and to have authority to argue in the proceeding. I will not infer about the importance of a motion or the merits of an argument based on a party's decision to have or not have a newer attorney argue the motion.

Dated: June 1, 2022

/s/ Todd M. Hughes  
The Honorable Todd M. Hughes  
United States Circuit Judge, sitting by designation