

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

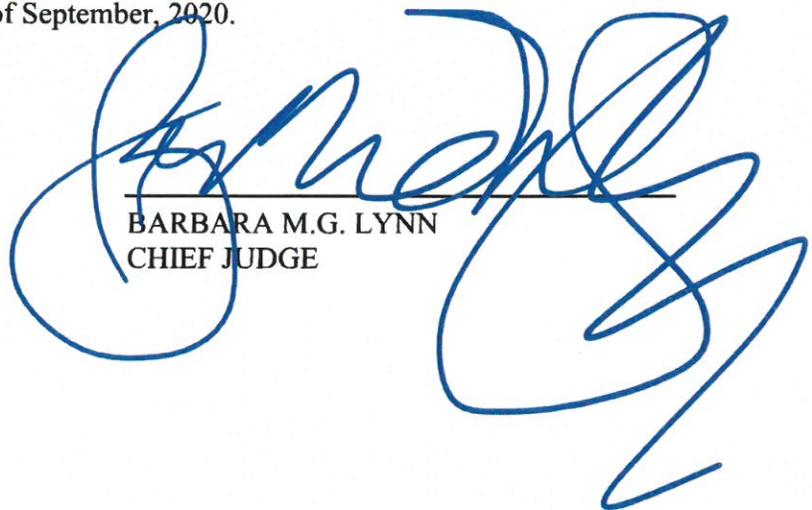
**SECOND AMENDED SPECIAL ORDER NO. 13-9**

**COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES  
CREATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: AUTHORIZATION TO USE VIDEO  
TELECONFERENCING FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**

As required by § 15002(b)(3)(B) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, I have reviewed the extension of authority to permit the use of video conferences or telephone conferences in certain criminal proceedings, which was granted under Amended Special Order No. 13-9 on June 24, 2020. Having considered updated data from across the district concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, I have determined that these proceedings still cannot all be conducted in person without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety. Therefore, the extension of authority to conduct proceedings by video conference or telephone conference under Amended Special Order No. 13-9 is hereby extended another 90 days from the date of this Order, unless terminated earlier by operation of law or modified by subsequent order.

Nothing in this Order is intended to prevent a judge from concluding that proceedings may be conducted in person without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety.

SO ORDERED this 15 day of September, 2020.

  
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BARBARA M.G. LYNN  
CHIEF JUDGE