

UNITED STATES
JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

- We will begin taking appearances for oral argument at **8:00** a.m. Please come forward only when your docket is called. Attorneys who are not planning to present argument need not come forward.
- The Panel views oral argument as a means (1) to update the Panel on any events that have occurred since the conclusion of briefing and (2) to allow attorneys to emphasize the key points of their arguments. On the basis of briefing, the Panel has preliminarily determined how much time should be allotted for each argument. If you are appearing in a docket in which other parties share your viewpoint and have also expressed an intent to present oral argument, the Panel strongly encourages you to designate a single spokesperson for your common position. If that is not possible, ensure that your arguments are not repetitive.
- At oral argument, the Panel expects counsel to adhere to the positions expressed in their briefs. Any change in position (including concerning an appropriate transferee district) should be conveyed to the Panel staff when argument times are allocated. Where an attorney thereafter advocates a position different from that conveyed to Panel staff, the Panel may reduce the allotted argument time and decline to hear further from that attorney.
- The Panel uses a timer system during oral argument. The **yellow light** indicates you have **30 seconds** left. The **red light** means **your time has expired**. The Panel expects you to adhere to your allotted time.
- The Panel usually calls dockets in order – from lowest numbered docket to highest; however, the Panel occasionally calls dockets out of order so we recommend that you remain in or near the courtroom.
- To obtain a transcript of the oral argument in your docket, contact the court reporter.