

**SOCIAL SECURITY PROCEDURE CHANGE FOR CASES PENDING  
BEFORE MAGISTRATE JUDGE MARK E. FORD**

All Social Security Appeal cases that will be pending before the Honorable Mark E. Ford as of February 15, 2016 will be scheduled for oral argument once the parties' briefs have been filed.

A scheduling notice will be issued and the case will be placed on the calendar for oral argument as soon as can reasonably be permitted under Court policies. This will normally be approximately sixty (60) days following the filing of the appeal brief by the Social Security Commissioner. The scheduling notice will indicate the date, time, and location of the oral argument. Absent unusual circumstances, a ruling will be made by the Court from the Bench at the conclusion of oral argument.

Any request for continuance of the oral argument must be made by a formal motion.

Video conferencing will be considered, if requested by formal motion, on a case by case basis, unless otherwise directed in the scheduling notice.

If you have any questions regarding the new procedure, please contact the CM/ECF Help Desk line at (866) 540-5066.