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I am a certified court reporter and from time to time I produce transcripts for the Jackson County Circuit Court at the request of attorney clients of mine. In the process of doing so I have from time to time noticed that the court will take testimony over the phone and in the process the judge will swear the witness over the phone. I'm sure this will happen in the future with videoconferencing. It is my understanding of the Notary Law for the State of Michigan, that the notary (person swearing the witness) must be in the presence of the witness.

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