

EXHIBIT “A”



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:: COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

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ORDER GOVERNING REMOTE DEPOSITIONS

In an effort to enable the parties to proceed with discovery efficiently and with necessary regard for the health and safety of witnesses, court reporters/videographers, counsel, and parties during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Court enters this Order concerning remote depositions:

1. If the witness and counsel who represents the witness, or who represents the party on whose behalf the witness is testifying, propose to be present in the same location (*i.e.*, same room or home) during the deposition, this proposed arrangement shall be set forth in the Notice of Deposition that will be timely served on all counsel and unrepresented parties.

2. If counsel representing the party or witness intends to be present at the deposition location, then the other side shall be permitted one attorney at the deposition location with the witness.

3. The defendants will coordinate their efforts to ensure that only one defense counsel is in attendance at any deposition where plaintiff counsel intends to attend in person. The defense counsel in attendance at the deposition location shall be deemed to represent only the interests of his or her clients. Counsel for the remaining defendants will attend remotely.

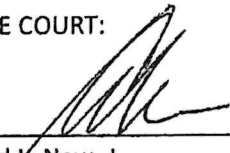
4. Due to the technological difficulties that sometimes occur during remote depositions, the parties may agree that all objections to deposition questions (except any instructions not to answer) are reserved until the time of trial. If such an agreement is made, no party shall be deemed to have waived any objections that otherwise would have been made during the course of the deposition.

5. Notwithstanding Paragraphs 2 and 3, in the event that a remote deposition of a witness is physically located in a County in Pennsylvania or State with limitations on gatherings which are less restrictive than those applicable to Philadelphia County, additional counsel for a defendant(s) may attend in person consistent with such limitations, if any.

6. All in person attendees at remote depositions will comply with any applicable federal, state, and local orders concerning appropriate personal protective equipment and social distancing.

7. This Order shall remain in effect until further Order from the Court.

BY THE COURT:



Arnold L. New, J.

Dated: Jan 11, 2021