



**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

November 25, 2020

**TRIAL DIVISION – CIVIL**

**NOTICE TO THE BAR**

**Resumption of In-Person Jury Trials During the COVID-19 Judicial Emergency**

Please take notice that the Court is planning for the resumption of in-person jury trials for matters in the Arbitration Appeal, Major Jury, Mass Tort and Commerce programs. Subject to public health guidance, the Court plans to resume in-person trials starting as of January 21, 2021.

All pre-trial conferences will be conducted via remote technology. Counsel shall review the published protocols in preparation for pre-trial conferences, including the Policies and Protocols for Use of Advanced Communication Technology for Court Proceedings in Civil Matters issued on July 16, 2020.

Detailed protocols will be published regarding the operation of court business – including the conduct of in-person jury selection and jury trials – without creating unreasonable risks to the health or safety of jurors, court personnel, attorneys, court users, and the general public. Such protocols will be published as Notices to the Bar and available on the First Judicial District's website at <http://www.courts.phila.gov/covid-19/> and at [@PhilaCourts](https://twitter.com/PhilaCourts) on Twitter.

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