



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

Monday, May 3, 2021

**TRIAL DIVISION – CIVIL  
NOTICE TO THE BAR**

**UPDATED PROTOCOL FOR THE COMPULSORY ARBITRATION PROGRAM  
NOTICE OF VIRTUAL ARBITRATION HEARING DATE**

**General Statement**

The conduct of virtual arbitration hearings is governed by the *Notice of Policies and Protocols for use of Advanced Communication Technology for Court Proceedings in Civil Matters* issued on July 16, 2020. The Order and Notice can be found at <http://www.courts.phila.gov/covid-19/>. This updated Protocol supplements the Protocol previously issued on March 12, 2021 and will take effect on **Monday, May 3, 2021**.

**NOTICE**

All notices of virtual arbitration hearing dates will be generated by the First Judicial District's electronic filing system no later than ten (10) days prior to the hearing. As such, all electronic filers will receive notice electronically through the electronic filing system. Additionally, the parties will receive an email with the Zoom Link and Scheduling Order five to seven days before the hearing date.

Effective Monday, May 3, 2021, parties will receive ten (10) days notice of a virtual arbitration hearing date. All other aspects of the March 12, 2021 protocol remain in effect until further order of the Court.

Honorable Lisette Shirdan-Harris  
Administrative Judge  
Trial Division

Honorable Daniel J. Anders  
Supervising Judge  
Trial Division – Civil