

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

**AGB Administrative Order**

**No. 25 of 2021**

**In re: Judicial Emergency**

**AND NOW**, this 7th day of July, 2021, pursuant to the authority granted by the Supreme Court, by Order of July 2, 2021 at Docket No. 21 EM 2020 (attached), it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that an Emergency remains in effect through August 31, 2021, only as follows:

1. The Emergency declared by this Court on March 17, 2020, Administrative Order No. 10 of 2020, and subsequent orders extending it, shall continue as to the suspension of Rules of Criminal Procedure 600 and 1013, and the suspension of any procedural rules related to the use the use of advanced communication technology (ACT) in court proceedings.
2. The emergency use of Advanced Communication Technology (ACT) in court proceedings shall continue through August 31, 2021. Judges shall be present in the courthouse, judicial center, or other court facility whenever a proceeding is being conducted by ACT, except for extraordinary circumstances, such as when court facilities have been closed due to inclement weather or other emergency under Pa.R.J.A. Nos. 1950-1954; or when a proceeding is not being conducted during normal business hours.
3. The Administrative Judge of each Division and the President Judge of Municipal Court, shall continue to issue Administrative Orders for continued use of advanced communication technology (ACT) and the suspension of certain procedural rules related to the use of ACT in court proceedings through August 31, 2021.

**BY THE COURT:**

*/s/ Idee C. Fox*

**Idee C. Fox, President Judge  
Court of Common Pleas Philadelphia County  
First Judicial District of Pennsylvania**

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
EASTERN DISTRICT**

IN RE: FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF                     : No. 21 EM 2020  
PENNSYLVANIA   :  
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**ORDER**

**PER CURIAM**

**AND NOW**, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2021, the Request Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 1952(B)(2)(m) is GRANTED. With respect to President Judge Idee C. Fox’s request to suspend, through August 31, 2021, Rule of Criminal Procedure 1013, we observe that on March 17, 2020, President Judge Fox issued Administrative Order No. 10 of 2020, which declared that “[t]ime calculations for the purposes of time computation relevant to court cases or other judicial business, as well as time deadlines, are suspended pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1952(B).” Administrative Order No. 10, 3/17/2020 at ¶1. Based on this authority, and the subsequent orders extending it, we grant the President Judge’s request to continue suspending Rules of Criminal Procedure 600 and 1013, as well as any procedural rules related to the use of advanced communication technology (ACT) in court proceedings, through August 31, 2021. Judges shall be present in the courthouse, judicial center, or other court facility whenever a proceeding is being conducted by ACT, except for extraordinary circumstances, such as when court properties have been closed due to inclement weather or other emergency under Pa.R.J.A. Nos. 1950-1954, or when a proceeding is not being conducted during normal business hours.

Justice Donohue notes her dissent.

A True Copy Phoenicia D. W. Wallace, Esquire  
As Of 07/02/2021

Attest: *Phoenicia D. W. Wallace*  
Deputy Prothonotary  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania