

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

Administrative Order

No. 36 of 2021

In re: Continued Use of Advanced Communication Technology

AND NOW, this 7th day of October 2021, pursuant to the authority granted by the Supreme Court, by Order of October 1, 2021 at Docket No. 21 EM 2020 (attached), it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** as follows:

1. The emergency use of Advanced Communication Technology (ACT) in court proceedings shall continue through November 1, 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.

2. The Administrative Judge of each Division shall continue to issue Administrative Orders as appropriate for continued use of advanced communication technology (ACT) through November 1, 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 1st day of October, 2021, the Request Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 1952(B)(2)(m), is GRANTED, IN PART.

The President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County is authorized to suspend state or local rules that restrict the use of advanced communication technology (ACT) in court proceedings, subject to state and federal constitutional limitations, through November 1, 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.

In all other respects, the Request Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 1952(B)(2)(m) is DENIED.