

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

**Administrative Order**

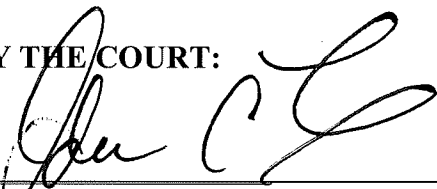
**No. 38 of 2021**

**In re: Continued Use of Advanced Communication Technology**

**AND NOW**, this 5th day of November 2021, pursuant to the authority granted by the Supreme Court, by Order of October 29, 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 December 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 December 1, 2021.

**BY THE COURT:**



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**Idée 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 :

**ORDER**

**PER CURIAM**

**AND NOW**, this 29<sup>th</sup> 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 through December 1, 2021, subject to state and federal constitutional limitations.

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**.

A True Copy Provided to: W. Waback, Esq.  
As Of 10/29/2021

*Theresa D. Wilkins*  
Attest  
Deputy Prothonotary  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania