

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

President Judge Administrative Order

No. 39 of 2021

In re: Suspension of State Rules Restricting ACT

ORDER

AND NOW, this 9TH day of November, 2021, pursuant to the authority granted by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania by Order dated November 3, 2021 at Docket No. 21 EM 2020, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that statewide rules that restrict the use of advanced communication technology (ACT) in court proceedings are suspended, subject to state and federal constitutional limitations, through December 1, 2021.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ PATRICK F. DUGAN

**Patrick F. Dugan, President Judge
Philadelphia Municipal Court**

**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 3rd day of November, 2021, the Request Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 1952(B)(2)(m), which seeks permission for the President Judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court to suspend temporarily certain procedural rules, is GRANTED, IN PART.

The President Judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court is authorized to suspend 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. 1950-1954, or when a proceeding is not being conducted during normal business hours.