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

## **Administrative Order**

No. 1 of 2022

In re: Continued Use of Advanced Communication Technology

**AND NOW**, this 10th day of January 2022, pursuant to the authority granted by the Supreme Court, by Order of January 7, 2022 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 February 14, 2022. 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 February 14, 2022.

BY THE COURT

Idee C/Fox, President Judge

Court of Common Pleas Philadelphia County

First Judicial District of Pennsylvania

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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 7th day of January, 2022, the Request Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A.

1952(B)(2)(m), is GRANTED.

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 February 14, 2022, subject to state and

federal constitutional limitations.

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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.

Justice Todd did not participate in the consideration or decision of this matter.

A True Copy Phoenicia D. W. Wallace, Esquire As Of 01/07/2022

Attest: Deputy Prothonotary Supreme Court of Pennsylvania