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

Administrative Order

No. 3 of 2022

In re: Continued Use of Advanced Communication Technology

AND NOW, this 15th day of February 2022, pursuant to the authority granted by the Supreme Court, by Order of February 14, 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 April 1, 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 April 1, 2022.

BY/THE COUR

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

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 14th day of February, 2022, 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 April 1, 2022, subject to state and federal constitutional limitations.

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BY THE COURT:

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