

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

Administrative Order

No. 6 of 2022

In re: Continued Use of Advanced Communication Technology

AND NOW, this 8th day of April 2022, pursuant to the authority granted by the Supreme Court, by Order of April 6, 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 May 15, 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 May 15, 2022.

BY THE COURT:



IDEE C. FOX, J.

**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

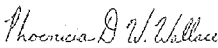
AND NOW, this 6th day of April, 2022, the Request Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 1952(B)(2)(m), is GRANTED, IN PART.

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 May 15, 2022, 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.

Justice Donohue notes her dissent.

A True Copy Phoenicia D. W. Wallace, Esquire
As Of 04/06/2022

Attest: 
Deputy Prothonotary
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania