

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

**Administrative Order**

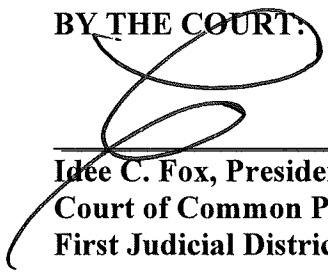
**No. 7 of 2022**

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

**AND NOW**, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022, pursuant to the authority granted by the Supreme Court, by Order of May 16, 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 31, 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 31, 2022.

**BY THE COURT:**

  
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**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**

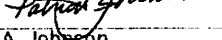
**AND NOW**, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, the Request Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 1952(B)(2)(m), is GRANTED, IN PART.

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 31, 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.

Justices Donohue and Mundy note their dissent.

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As Of 05/16/2022

Attest:   
Patricia A. Johnson  
Chief Clerk  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania