

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

Administrative Order

No. 9 of 2022

In re: Continued Use of Advanced Communication Technology

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

BY THE COURT:

/s/ IDEE C. FOX

**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 7th day of June, 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 September 6, 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 Wecht note their dissent.