

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION**

ADMINISTRATIVE DOCKET

No. 21 of 2022

ORDER

AND NOW, this 4th day of October 2022, consistent with the terms of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Order of June 21, 2021, Judicial Administration Docket No. 553, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that,

- (1) All operations of the First Judicial District Orphans' Court Division shall return to pre-pandemic status. All courtrooms, adjacent facilities, chambers, and offices within the Orphans' Court Division shall be fully open and staffed by Judges and other personnel;
- (2) All previously issued Orphans' Court Division Emergency Administrative Orders including Administrative Order No. 17 of 2021 are hereby **VACATED**;
- (3) The Orphans' Court Division will resume normal in person operations. To the extent pre-pandemic practices included the use of Advanced Communication Technology and where such practices are consistent with existing rules, they may continue and may be conducted at the sole discretion of each individual Orphans' Court Judge on a case-by-case basis **AS LONG AS THE JUDGE IS PARTICIPATING FROM THE COURTROOM OR COURT FACILITY**.

All safety and health protocols as may be adopted and amended from time to time will be followed and enforced.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Sheila Woods-Skipper

**Hon. Sheila Woods-Skipper
Administrative Judge
Orphans' Court Division**