

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

AGB Administrative Order

No. 29 of 2021

In re: Partial Extension of Judicial Emergency

AND NOW, this 25th day of August, 2021, pursuant to the authority granted by the Supreme Court, by Order of August 23, 2021 at Docket No. 21 EM 2020 (attached), it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that an Emergency remains in effect only as to the following through October 1, 2021:

1. The Emergency declared by this Court on March 17, 2020, Administrative Order No. 10 of 2020, and subsequent orders extending it, shall continue only as to the suspension of Rules of Criminal Procedure 600 through October 1, 2021.
2. The emergency use of Advanced Communication Technology (ACT) in court proceedings shall continue through October 1, 2021. 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.
3. The Administrative Judge of each Division shall continue to issue Administrative Orders for continued use of advanced communication technology (ACT) and the suspension of procedural rules related to the use ACT in court proceedings through October 1, 2021.

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 :
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ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 23rd day of August, 2021, the Amended Request Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 1952(B)(2)(m), which seeks permission for the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County to suspend temporarily certain procedural rules, is GRANTED, IN PART.

The President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County is authorized to suspend Rule of Criminal Procedure 600, as well as state or local rules that restrict the use of advanced communication technology (ACT) in court proceedings, subject to state and federal constitutional limitations, through October 1, 2021.

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. Nos. 1950-1954, or when a proceeding is not being conducted during normal business hours.

In all other respects, the Amended Request Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 1952(B)(2)(m) is DENIED.

A True Copy Phoenix D. W. Wallace, Esquire
As Of 08/23/2021

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Deputy Prothonotary
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania