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Dear Judge Grant:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the New Jersey Supreme Court's proposal for virtual civil trials during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would respectfully urge that virtual civil trials be made mandatory and be implemented on a statewide basis rather than through a pilot program. This will further the cause of justice by allowing more trials to proceed.

Attorneys should be able to meet the demands and accommodate their practice to make this novel form of jury trial successful until such time as we can all resume a normal way of life and a normal manner of trial practice physically in person, in court. In some ways, civil trials can proceed quicker with virtual civil trials as scheduling of certain witnesses, such as experts, may be easier.

In addition, real time transcription should be added to the virtual trial process. This will allow jurors to more easily and closely follow the presentations by attorneys and witnesses during trials.

Thank you again for the opportunity to offer these comments.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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