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Dear Judge Grant,

It is my experience that insurance carriers are using this pandemic as an excuse not to settle cases. They know that without the imminent threat of a jury trial, there is no impetus for them to settle cases for fair value. They are making some offers, but they are not realistic. They know my only remedy is to settle cheaply or wait forever until the case is tried. That is unfair and constitutes bad faith by the insurance carriers. Unfortunately, I have no remedy and the client and I will have to wait until the case is tried. Many of my colleagues have similar stories to share.

The solution I propose is to make all virtual trials mandatory. This will get the carrier's attention and help settle cases and reduce the backlog. I understand others do not like the mandatory requirement, but if you think about it, that is the only practical way to get these cases moving.

Very respectfully,

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