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Being a litigator is very difficult and taxing on mental health and families. Judiciary has the Lawyers Fund for Client Protection and the Lawyers Assistance Program for this. Virtual appearances is great for this. I am 100% in favor of continuing virtual appearances for most events including case management, settlement conferences, motion arguments, orders to show cause, arbitration, etc. I believe jury trials should remain in person, but the courts should be more receptive to some witnesses appearing remotely. This saves time and money and helps lawyers achieve a better work-life balance, more time with families, etc.

Thank you.

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