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Good morning,

I am writing to advocate for continued and permanent remote proceedings for arbitrations, motion hearings, and small claims trials. Over the past year and a half we have seen how effective and time saving it is to have these proceedings move forward by remote conference. I have been able to appear for multiple motion hearings and/or arbitrations in the same day in different counties where, in the past, I would have had to adjourn one proceeding if I could not make it from one facility to another. I have even tried a case completely remote via zoom conference. I strongly believe this is the best way to try cases of low complexity. Jurors were more willing to participate, the proceedings went smoothly and quickly, and there was no real difference between remote and in person for my case.

Finally, allowing these proceedings to continue remotely will greatly increase the quality of life and work/life balance of trial attorneys. We have busy caseloads and time spent on the road is time away from our families not just because we are driving, but because the time spent driving has to be made up somewhere. I strongly support the plan to continue remote proceedings and urge the courts to adopt Rule changes to permit these proceedings to continue in this matter. Fear of technology and adaptation should not stand in the way of progress that has provided more efficiency and better quality of life.

Respectfully,

Please note that I am currently working remotely and while we are continuing to process mail, I ask that you please send all correspondence via email and/or fax. Thank you for your courtesy and understanding.

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