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There are several reasons why remote arbitrations and motions make sense. They are scheduled for a particular time and are frequently heard at or about the scheduled time. It just seems better scheduled than sitting in a court house for hours waiting for an arbitration hearing. Gone are the days of having to wait hours because an attorney has multiple hours scheduled. With virtual hearings, calendar staff for both the court and counsel have done away with that nonsense. I also appreciate not having to waste time driving to the hearings.

It particularly makes no sense presently to reopen courts to have litigants, counsel, court employees and arbitrators all potentially exposed to Covid-19 and its progeny.

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