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Dear Judge Grant –

Pursuant to the Notice of Future Court Operations posted on July 16, 2021, I understand that the Supreme Court is accepting comments on the proposal for future court operations. I am writing this e-mail from a civil litigation perspective with a practice based primarily in Bergen County. I understand the concern of having a mass amount of jurors appear in a courtroom and the logistics of social distancing for not only the selection process but the deliberation process. Perhaps the court could consider a hybrid in the civil division, wherein once a panel is sworn in for a civil case, those 6-8 jurors would need to appear in court to hear testimony and see any evidence presented. This may dispense with the need to have the burden upon the court to deliver binders to each juror. After closing arguments and jury charges, the jurors could return home to deliberate via zoom. This would hopefully also minimize technical difficulties that may present.

I think the above hybrid would ensure everyone's safety while allowing litigants to have their day in court in front of live jurors.

Thank you for your consideration and this opportunity to be heard.

Respectfully submitted,

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