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I am writing in response to a request for comments on continuing some court appearances virtually following the resolution of the pandemic. I think that is a wonderful idea, as it would cut down on costs and down time. I felt that the virtual appearances, for the most part, were very efficient and timely, and there were very few technical issues to work through, once everyone got the hang of the technology.

I agree with the proposal to allow civil arbitrations, motion hearings, case management conferences, settlement conferences, court facilitated mediations, and small claims and special civil trials to proceed in a virtual format.

Thank you for your consideration.

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