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Judge Grant,

Thank you for requesting comments on the proposed "Future of Court Operations." My practice is solely in the civil part-law division, so I will only be providing comment there. I agree with everything stated, but have comment on a few appearances that I did not see mentioned.

1. Trial Calls- It would be my hope that trial calls would be done virtually. As you know, in the past, in certain counties, counsel have been showing for a trial call Monday morning and been forced to sit in the courtroom until the end of the day on Wednesday, essentially monopolizing our entire week and prejudicing all of our other clients. We would be sitting there with 30-40 other attorneys, realistically knowing that if one case got sent out it would be a lot. Given the issues surrounding crowds in poorly ventilated indoor spaces such as courthouses, I would think this makes more sense virtually. Attorneys could be on one-two hour call if their case is reached. At worst, I think we are called in person Monday morning, and if not provided a Judge at that time, released pending call back.

2. Settlement Conferences- I believe holding these In-person is of the utmost importance. Having both Plaintiffs and adjusters come to the Courtroom significantly increases the odds of a resolution over those done virtually when everyone is comfortable in their homes. I know my clients, Plaintiffs, being brought before a Judge, in a Courthouse, will have a much higher success rate.

Thank you for your consideration, and I am happy to help however is needed.

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