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All DV matters and family court matters should be allowed to proceed remotely.

Our firm's primary area of practice is Plaintiff side domestic violence and custody, divorce, and other family matters ancillary to domestic violence.

Our clients are largely low income women who rely upon grant funding or VCCO to fund representation. With remote proceedings we are able to serve this population within their megear budgets. VCCO for example funds up to \$10,000 which in family court does not go far if we need to charge for drive times, mileage, wait times and other in-person related time/costs. Remote hearings allow us to serve these underserved populations.

For FRO hearings, victims who are otherwise terrified to be in the same location as their abuser can gather the courage to testify as they are not in immediate physical danger from the abuser.

For motions of all kinds in family court there is no need to be present in person.

In closing remote proceedings are highly beneficial to victims of DV who otherwise would be unable to afford an attorney. In addition the time saved by remote proceedings allows us to more fully serve this vulnerable population anywhere in the State of NJ. Without remote proceedings, taking matters in Northern NJ for instance would be impractical for the firm and economically unfeasible for our clients.

We see no reason to return to in-person proceedings on DV and family matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

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