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Sir/Madam,

In response to the Court's recent Notice, I wish to submit a few comments/suggestions regarding the Future of Court Operations.

First, I believe the pandemic showed us that many of the appearances can and should continue to be done either via VTC or phone - including conferences (CM and settlement), motions, etc. This saves on downtime and in turn saves money to all interested parties; it gives time back to the attorneys to devote more substantively to their caseload; it has a safety impact from less people on the road; and in turn an environmental impact from traffic in the aggregate.

However, I do believe that jury and bench trials must always be in person. These matters are sacred to the clients and the institutions involved. They are rare, meaningful and important. They should be treated as such with in person attendance.

Thank you,

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