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Comments on Proposal for Virtual Civil Jury Trials

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Dear Judge Grant,

I wholeheartedly endorse the court's proposal to conduct virtual trials. Without the real possibility that a case will proceed to trial the number of cases being resolved is likely to decline precipitously, leading to a mounting back log of trials, which will have the effect of reducing trial certainty for many months, even after the resumption of in person trials.

With regard to the technical components involved in conducting virtual trials I would like to emphasize the importance of robust internet connections for all involved. I have had too many zoom depositions interrupted or terminated due to poor internet connectivity. The course of virtual jury selection should provide an opportunity for connectivity issues to be resolved prior to the commencement of testimony.

> Respectfully submitted. THE HADDAD LAW FIRM, PC

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