

1 **IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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4 In Re: 51<sup>ST</sup> Judicial District---Request for : No. 51 MM 2020  
5 Emergency Judicial Order :  
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7 1. Michael A. George, President Judge of the 51<sup>st</sup> Judicial District, hereby requests the following  
8 relief by Order of the Supreme Court:

9 a. Authorize the president judge to declare a judicial emergency in this judicial district  
10 and take any actions authorized by Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(2).

11 b. Suspend or modify statewide procedural or administrative rules in this judicial district  
12 as follows:

13 1. Authorize the expanded use of advanced communication technology to conduct  
14 court proceedings as follows:

15 Suspension of Pa.R.Crim.P. 119 until September 30, 2021.

16 2. The circumstances necessitating this request for an emergency judicial order are as follows:

17 a. A nationwide pandemic involving the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19);

18 b. The continued judicial emergency in place in the 51<sup>st</sup> Judicial District, and

19 c. Adams County is elevated to the category of “High” level of community transmission  
20 of COVID-19 per CDC definition as of the date of this application.

21 d. Adams County experiencing an increase in COVID infection rates including the highly  
22 contagious delta variant.

23 3. To the extent possible and practical under the circumstances, notice of this request for an  
24 emergency judicial order has been or will be posted in the courthouse and other judicial offices,  
25 posted on the county’s website, provided to the Adams County Bar Association, submitted to

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the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts for publication pursuant to Rule of Judicial Administration No. 1952(C)(5) and published in the Adams County Legal Journal.

- 4. Interested parties are advised that objections to any emergency judicial order issued by the Supreme Court should be transmitted to the Supreme Court Prothonotary.

BY THE COURT,

MICHAEL A. GEORGE  
President Judge, 51<sup>st</sup> Judicial District  
August 23, 2021

