



## COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

### NOTICE TO THE BAR

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### **Notice to Counsel Scheduled to Appear at the Court's September 14-18, 2020 Oral Argument Session in Harrisburg**

The Commonwealth Court plans to conduct in-person oral arguments in the Pennsylvania Judicial Center (PJC) the week of September 14-18, 2020. The Prothonotary will notify Counsel of the specific date, time, and location of each argument.

In order to reduce the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus, as of the date of this Notice access to the PJC remains limited to persons conducting official judiciary business by appointment, or appearing at scheduled court proceedings. There is no general public access to the PJC. All filings with the Commonwealth Court must be accomplished electronically by PACFile, by email addressed to [CommCourtFiling@pacourts.us](mailto:CommCourtFiling@pacourts.us), by United States Mail, or in person at the Court's PJC filing office **by appointment**.

Access to courtrooms during the oral argument session will be limited to counsel of record and Court personnel. All other participants and observers – parties, the public and media, etc. – may view the arguments only through a public livestream web link that will be posted on the Court's website in advance of the argument session. All persons appearing in the PJC must adhere to the posted COVID-19 precautions and procedures while in the PJC, including, but not limited to, the wearing of facemasks and social distancing.

The Governor of Pennsylvania has issued guidance regarding out-of-state travel, including a recommendation that persons travelling to certain designated states quarantine for 14 days upon return. This guidance is being enforced in the PJC for

all staff, vendors, and visitors. Persons returning from any of the designated states are asked to refrain from entering the PJC during their 14-day quarantine period. The Court requests that counsel adhere to this guidance. The Governor's guidance and the current list of affected states can be found at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>.

Because the Commonwealth's response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak continues to be a developing situation, counsel and parties should monitor individual case dockets and the Court's webpage for updates at <http://www.pacourts.us/courts/commonwealth-court/>.