

NOTICE TO THE BAR

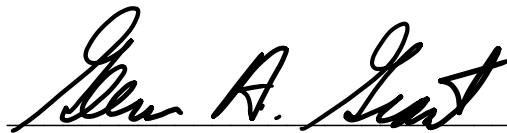
COVID-19 – VIRTUAL CIVIL JURY TRIALS

The Supreme Court has authorized a two-phase approach to implementing virtual civil jury trials during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Court's January 7, 2021 Order provides for virtual civil jury trials to begin in five vicinages on or after February 1, 2021, with consent required during the initial implementation. As of April 5, 2021, virtual civil jury trials will expand to all counties with no requirement of consent.

The Court's approved plan for virtual civil jury trials incorporates suggestions from various stakeholder organizations, including the New Jersey State Bar Association, New Jersey Association for Justice, New Jersey Defense Association, Trial Attorneys of New Jersey, County Bar Associations, and many individual attorneys.

The Court's January 7, 2021 Order is attached, followed by Directive #02-21 ("COVID-19 – Electronic Evidence in Virtual Civil Jury Trials – Supreme Court's January 7, 2021 Order").

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts.



Hon. Glenn A. Grant
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

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