

## Remote Hearings Session- 10 Questions

During the Remote Hearings session at the Eyes Conference, we will be asking Judges to work together in small groups to make recommendations for the following 10 questions. Please take a moment to look over the questions and begin thinking about your recommendations **prior to August 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

1. What services, proceedings or trials can or should be provided or conducted by remote means? What are the benefits and detriments?
2. What remote means (telephone/video/other) can and should be used for each type of service, proceeding, or trial? What are the benefits and detriments? Are there obstacles to the use of particular technology? How can they be addressed?
3. If you are recommending in-person appearances in a particular proceeding, why are you making that recommendation? Are there obstacles to the use of remote technology? How can they be addressed?
4. What training is necessary to make full use of remote technology?
5. What is necessary to ensure that unrepresented litigants can use the recommended technology?
6. What is necessary to ensure fairness in the use of the recommended technology? Can some participants be remote while others are in the courtroom? What are the benefits and detriments?
7. As to each type of proceeding, is it necessary that it be conducted by the same means statewide (e.g., fully remote, partially remote, telephone vs. video, or in-person)? If so, why? If not, why not?
8. How should a court adopt a procedure for utilizing remote means for designated types of proceedings? By Presiding Judge Order (PJO) or by another type of determination? Are case-by-case determinations appropriate?
9. How can a court most effectively notify litigants about the manner of hearing in certain types of proceedings or in certain particular proceedings (e.g., PJO, general website notice, notices to parties, etc.)? Are there instance in which a motion should be required or permitted to seek or object to the manner of hearing?
10. Can or should trials, particularly jury trials, be postponed? If conducted, are there ways in which the trial can take place remotely in whole or in part? If postponed, are there ways to keep the case moving and to encourage resolution without the impetus of a pending trial date?