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TO: Members of the Vermont Bar

FROM: Scott Griffith, Interim State Court Administrator

RE: Supreme Court Special Advisory Committee on Remote Hearings Seeks Your Input

DATE: June 6, 2022

The Vermont Judiciary has been using remote hearings as a way to ensure access to justice during the COVID-19 pandemic, and remote and hybrid hearings will likely continue to be a feature of Judiciary operations even after the pandemic has abated. To help guide the Court's decisionmaking on this matter, it established a Special Advisory Committee on Remote Hearings to inform the development of procedures that preserve access to justice, provide for an open and affordable court system, and use resources in a cost-effective manner.

The Advisory Committee seeks the opinion of members of the Vermont Bar about the use of remote hearings. Note that for purposes of this survey, "remote hearings" includes evidentiary and nonevidentiary hearings, and both video and telephone hearings.

All questions are optional. You may choose to answer or skip any question. In addition, all responses will be confidential.

Please complete the survey by Friday June 10. We will share summary responses with the Vermont Bar Association.

Link to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MP8CMP8>

Thank you for your input.