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Supreme Court of the State of New York Appellate Division, First Judicial Department

Public Notice

AD1 2.0: Appellate Division, First Department **Holds First-Ever Virtual Oral Arguments**

On Wednesday, May 6, 2020, the Appellate Division, First Department held its first-ever virtual oral arguments, via a Skype meeting that was livestreamed over the internet. The hearings, along with other aspects of the Court's temporary transition to a virtual court model, were previously announced on the Court's website at <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/courts/AD1/PDFs/AD1v2.pdf>.

Hon. David Friedman, the Justice Presiding over the hearings, noted in his opening remarks that "This is the first virtual session of the Appellate Division, First Department with oral argument. It reflects enormous effort made by our Presiding Justice and many others to see that this Court fulfills its role of dispensing justice."

Hon. Rolando T. Acosta, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, said, "I am grateful to our Justices and staff for their extraordinary efforts in making this possible. The Court also thanks the attorneys who argued cases on this historic occasion."

"In these challenging times," Justice Acosta continued, "I hope the bar and the public know that our Court is giving 110% to ensure that we live up to our core principles, which include transparency, access, and accountability. Those principles will continue to undergird our Court as we manage this ongoing crisis and as we advance beyond it."

A recorded video of the hearings can be viewed [here](#). The Court will continue holding virtual oral arguments until further notice. Future video recordings will be posted on the Court's website (<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/courts/AD1>).