

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

EIGHTH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

ON REMOTE ORAL ARGUMENTS

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 14 of the Maryland Constitution provides that judges of the Court of Appeals may temporarily transfer their sittings elsewhere upon sufficient cause; and sufficient cause having been found to exist due to the COVID-19 emergency, and

WHEREAS, the August 6, 2021 *Third Amended Administrative Order Expanding Statewide Judiciary Operations in Light of the COVID-19 Emergency* and the December 27, 2021 *Interim Administrative Order of December 27, 2021 Restricting Statewide Judiciary Operations in Light of the Omicron Variant of the COVID-19 Emergency* provide that, pending further order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the courts are authorized and shall conduct remote proceedings to the greatest extent possible during the health emergency, using communication platforms consistent with the *Administrative Order on the Implementation of Remote Electronic Participation in Judicial Proceedings*, filed June 18, 2018, and the *Amended Administrative Order on Remote Proceedings Held During the COVID-19 Emergency*, filed May 1, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Court of Appeals has previously held remote oral arguments for cases designated to be heard in the June Session of the 2019 Term and the September and October Sessions of the 2020 Term, pursuant to the May 18, 2020 *Administrative Order Rescheduling May Oral Arguments and Postponing Other Oral Arguments*, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the October 26, 2020 *Administrative Order on Remote Oral Arguments*, the Court of Appeals has previously held remote oral arguments for cases

designated to be heard in the November, December, and January Sessions of the 2020 Term, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the December 16, 2020 *Second Administrative Order on Remote Oral Arguments* and the March 1, 2021 *Third Administrative Order on Remote Oral Arguments*, the Court has previously held remote oral arguments for cases designated to be heard in the February, March, and April Sessions of the 2020 Term, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the March 25, 2021 *Fourth Administrative Order on Remote Oral Arguments*, the Court has previously held remote oral arguments for cases designated to be heard in the May and June Sessions of the 2020 Term, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the August 18, 2021 *Fifth Administrative Order on Remote Oral Arguments*, the Court has previously held remote oral arguments for cases designated to be heard in the September Session of the 2021 Term, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the September 15, 2021 *Sixth Administrative Order on Remote Oral Arguments*, the Court has previously held remote oral arguments for cases designated to be heard in the October Session of the 2021 Term, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the October 22, 2021 *Seventh Administrative Order on Remote Oral Arguments*, the Court has previously held remote oral arguments for cases designated to be heard in the November Session of the 2021 Term, and

WHEREAS, it continues to be necessary to hold oral arguments by videoconferencing, it is this 28th day of December, 2021

ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that all cases scheduled for oral argument during the January Session of the 2021 Term be, and hereby are, designated to

be heard by videoconferencing, the Court and its Clerk having advised, or will advise, the parties concerning the format and designated participation procedures.

/s/ Joseph M. Getty
Joseph M. Getty
Chief Judge
Court of Appeals of Maryland

Filed: December 28, 2021

/s/ Suzanne C. Johnson
Suzanne C. Johnson
Clerk
Court of Appeals of Maryland

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