



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

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SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

IN RE: TEMPORARY AMENDMENT TO SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA RULES 50 and 51 – REQUESTS FOR REMOTE ORAL ARGUMENT.

The Supreme Court of Georgia is resuming in-person oral arguments and starting with cases scheduled on the August 2021 oral argument calendar (cases with a docketing date on or after March 15, 2021), will presumptively conduct oral arguments in person. Given that the outbreak of COVID-19 resulted in the temporary cancellation of in-person oral arguments, and that the Court successfully conducted virtual oral arguments using a virtual platform, the Court has decided that it will temporarily amend Rules 50 and 51 to consider requests for remote arguments and may schedule some remote arguments each month.

Effective immediately, a party may file a request for remote oral argument. The request for remote argument must be filed at the same time as the Rule 51 request for oral argument is filed, must not exceed 5 pages, and must be made in a separate filing. In cases where oral argument has already been requested or automatically placed upon the oral argument calendar under Rule 50 (1), the party seeking remote argument should file the request within 10 days of the date of this order. In future cases placed automatically upon the oral argument calendar, the party seeking remote argument should

file the request within 20 days after the appeal is docketed. The request for remote argument shall indicate if there is good cause for the request (i.e., health concerns due to COVID-19) or if remote argument is merely preferred, and must also advise whether the other party agrees to remote argument. The Court will grant or deny a request for remote argument in its discretion and will advise the parties of its decision before the case is placed on an oral argument calendar.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

 , Clerk