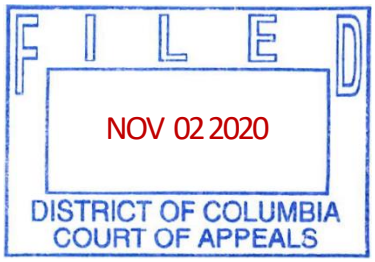
# District of Columbia
# Court of Appeals




No. M20-271

BEFORE: Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge; Glickman, Thompson, Beckwith, Easterly, McLeese, Deahl, Associate Judges

**O R D E R**
(Filed—November 2, 2020)

**PILOT PROJECT: POSTING BRIEFS ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS WEBSITE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. App. R. 25(a)(2)(B), the court requires briefs to be filed in an electronic format (with certain exceptions);

WHEREAS, the court provides public access online to a variety of information, including live streams of the court's oral arguments, case dockets, opinions, rules, orders, Internal Operating Procedures, and calendars;

WHEREAS, the court strives to strengthen the court wide value of transparency, enhance public access to the court, and respond to stakeholders, it is

ORDERED that effective November 2, 2020, for a pilot project in November and December, the court shall post on its website electronic copies of briefs for select cases scheduled for oral argument. The briefs will be available in non-sealed cases and shall be posted during the week preceding scheduled oral argument. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that for those briefs selected and appropriate for publication online, the Clerk of the Court, or his designee, shall contact the parties by telephone or in writing prior to posting the briefs. Upon receiving notification, the respective parties shall, within 14 days, submit redacted copies of their respective briefs removing personally identifiable information or other confidential information, as necessary. Parties shall email the redacted briefs to the Clerk's office at redactedbriefs@dcappeals.gov. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties, unless otherwise ordered, shall redact personally identifiable information including but not limited to: an individual's social security number, taxpayer-identification number, driver's license or non-driver's license identification card number, financial account number, debit and credit card number, the names of minors and witnesses, and anything that would reveal the identity of an individual who is the subject of a neglect, delinquency, or person-in-need-of-supervision case. A party may include an acronym or abbreviation in accordance with Super. Ct. Civ. R. 5.2. Parties shall also redact any information revealing the identity of an individual receiving mental health services and the identity, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of an individual receiving or under evaluation for substance use disorder services. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this order does not apply to any briefs filed confidentially or under seal. *See* D.C. App. R. 12(c).

PER CURIAM