From: Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor
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Dear Judge,

As I announced during my State of the Judiciary remarks earlier this month, the Ohio Virtual Courtroom Directory is now live on the Supreme Court's website.

The pandemic has afforded us with a unique opportunity – an opportunity to examine how we conduct business and most importantly, how we can use technology to make our courts more accessible and increase transparency. As I have mentioned before, we've made great strides in remote access during the pandemic and we must continue to leverage that same technology into the future.

The Virtual Courtroom Directory is intended to provide the public with access to all Ohio courtrooms that provide the live-streaming of hearings and trials. The public will be able to view the courts in action and learn first-hand what happens in a given case. Judges become more than just a name to the public when they can be seen performing their duties in their courtrooms.

There are a number of resources available on the Court's webpage. These resources are meant to provide you with additional information needed to implement virtual hearings and live streaming. You can access those resources here.

I encourage you to join this effort and support public access to virtual court proceedings. Click here for the form to participate in the Virtual Courtroom Directory.

God Bless.

Maureen O'Connor
Chief Justice