

LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY “PUSH THE BUTTON, WILL YA”?

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT, NOT A HOW TO



C.R.A.V.E.

- Court
- Room
- Audio and
- Visual
- Experience (maybe Enabling?)
- All that stuff hanging on your walls



IT ISN'T YOUR 2020 WEBEX EXPERIENCE

- Technology and consistency has gotten better
- Interface is quite different
- Better individual integration-look around
- Fighting the ZOOM mentality
- Competence



I THINK IT IS TIME WE DEMONSTRATED THE FULL POWER...

- Think of ways it can help- Be Pro-Active
- Leadership is about fulfilling the change, not being run over by it
- 1st appearance
- Concurrent time pleas- avoiding writs
- Participants with issues:
- Child witness
- Far-off expert
- Double-booked Lawyer and the Elusive Pre-trial Conference
- Fixing unavoidable situations



PARLOR TRICK

- Watch!



TECHONOLGY ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS- FOOD FOR THOUGHT



- Canon 3
- Considerations of our function over-all
- not a do/don't do list
- Each Judge will have to figure out what works in their own Courts



CANON 3 A(1)

- A judge should be faithful to the law and maintain professional competence in it. A judge should be unswayed by partisan interests, public clamor, or fear of criticism.
- Possible Implications:
- Ostrich Scenario- Staying Competent
- Chicken Little Scenario- Avoid the clamor
- The Stuck in the Middle with You Scenario- divergent interests, criticism



CANON 3 A(3)



- A judge should be patient, dignified and courteous to litigants, jurors, witnesses, lawyers and others with whom the judge deals in the judge's official capacity, and should require similar conduct of lawyers, and of the judge's staff, court officials and others subject to the judge's direction and control.
- Setting the tone of our proceedings
- Distance and can breed bad behavior
- The rules still apply



CANON 3 A(4)



- A judge should accord to every person who is legally interested in a proceeding, or the person's lawyer, full right to be heard according to law, and, except as authorized by law, neither knowingly initiate nor knowingly consider ex parte or other communications concerning a pending proceeding.
- Right to be heard
- New authorizations- guidance



CANON 3 A(5)

- A judge should dispose promptly of the business of the court.
- THIS IS THE WAY!
- Pleas for incarcerated inmates
- Appearances of experts
- Appearances of parties
- Thinking about dispositions and solutions
- Pre-trial conferences
- AVOIDING DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR



CANON 3 B(1)



- A judge should diligently discharge the judge's administrative responsibilities, maintain professional competence in judicial administration, and facilitate the performance of the administrative responsibilities of other judges and court officials.
- Couple it back to Canon 3A(1)-our role
- Moving our out-of-court work
- Diligence with distance
- Balance





THANK YOU

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