

3 KEY TAKEAWAYS

The State of the North Carolina Judiciary: Pandemic & Beyond

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Key takeaways from the discussion include:

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The pandemic has changed how justice will be administered in the future. There are more virtual hearings, meetings, and conferences in court proceedings. It is important to be in step with the changes.

Courts are preparing for pandemic-related litigation around delays, closures, injuries, insurance coverage etc. There may be a bigger wave coming concerning this type of litigation.

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Courts are concerned that technological advances hastened by the pandemic will cause access-to-justice issues.

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