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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Today, the Judges of the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal and two law students convened in a virtual courtroom for a mock oral argument. With everyone participating from their respective homes and offices, Erika Liljeberg and Andrew Ray, students at Faulkner University's Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, presented their arguments and the Judges engaged the students with questions in what was a successful test of the technology the Fifth Circuit implemented in response to COVID-19. Both Ms. Liljeberg and Mr. Ray found the argument and the Judges' feedback to be very valuable as they prepare for an upcoming moot court competition. As the Fifth Circuit prepares for the cases on its docket next month, the technology proved up to the task of observing social distancing while allowing Court operations to proceed as normally as possible. Chief Judge Susan Chehardy noted that she has the "utmost confidence in the technology and our dedicated Judges and staff to continue to fulfill our constitutional obligations and deliver judicial services to the public." The technology will be utilized again for oral arguments scheduled on May 5, 6, and 7.

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