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| Good morning members of the CAFL private bar,We want to thank you for the important work that you do. Our work becomes even more crucial during times of crisis. We are sending this email to assist you during this time. We are following every new development and are working to put together additional guidance for you on how we expect the Coronavirus to impact our client representation. We will send additional guidance and information as it becomes available, but we wanted to touch base with information as it stands today. The CAFL Trial Panel Support Unit is available to help address any questions or concerns you may have. The best way to reach us is through email, however we will also be checking our voicemail regularly. Our email addresses can be found below.Please do not leave your home if you don't feel well or have compromised health or concerns. You can reach out to Mentors, Resource Attorneys or to us with questions.We want to be sure all of you are safe and protected. We also want to be sure our clients have zealous representation and that they are protected. At the end of this email we have some links to various state and other sites with information about court closures and Coronavirus related issues.As you know all courts in the Commonwealth are closed today - presumably to coordinate Coronavirus protocols. The Court will most likely issue additional or revised orders in the coming days. The situation is evolving and there is still a lot of confusion but the rights of our clients have to be protected as much as possible under these circumstances.Because this situation is changing minute-to-minute we ask that you document for your file your efforts to coordinate with your clients if you will be conducting your representation remotely. We are concerned about what is happening and we want to reassure you that we are here to help in any way we can. We will be sending regular updates with any new information we receive, as well as posting important notices to the CAFL website.Thank you again for your commitment to representing your clients in these difficult and challenging times. Let's continue to work together to keep ourselves and our families safe and to do everything we can to make sure our clients are represented as zealously as possible.We thank you for all that you do and hope that we can be a resource to you. Do not hesitate to contact us during this time. Take care and stay healthy.Mike Dsida, mdsida@publiccounsel.netAlice Turner, aturner@publiccounsel.netAlexandra Roark, aroark@publiccounsel.netPaula Caradonna, pcaradonna@publiccounsel.netLisa Augusto, laugusto@publiccounsel.netCDC site re talking with kids:<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/talking-with-children.html> Mass.gov site re Court orders: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/court-system-response-to-covid-19#-court-orders->  |

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