

TIME FOR YOUR CLOSE-UP: A FIRST HIGH COURT VIDEO HEARING IN THE AGE OF COVID-19



The frantic last-minute shoehorning of files, books and robes into the 'trundler' suitcase, to be lugged on trains and tubes. Arriving at the Rolls Building, RCJ or somewhere further flung with 20 minutes to spare, then being subjected to an uncompromising full body frisk at security. On with the unwashed wig and un-ironed gown, then find your team of solicitors and clients by knocking on the closed doors of successive windowless rooms. Just time to exchange a cagey, handshake free (even in pre-Covid times, at least if s/he was old school) greeting with your 'oppo', before being summoned into the arena. Spilling water on your papers in the first 5 minutes.

I could go on. On the list of a thousand and one things we will miss during the pandemic, how high or low do these things rank for members of the Bar?

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