

## Closing Remarks

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As I mentioned yesterday, we have recorded all the sessions and we'll be posting the videos on the website of the Permanent Commission. So if you missed anything, you will have an opportunity to watch it at your leisure. And once again, I want to thank our conference planning committee and the OCA Division of Technology staff for helping to make this successful conference possible.

I have a couple of very brief announcements. First, assuming that COVID is not an issue, we are debating whether this conference should be online or in person next year. The advantage of online is the increased attendance across the state and throughout the country. On the flip side, holding a virtual conference loses some of the comradery, the networking opportunities and sense of community that come from being together at an all in-person event. We have set up a post-conference survey so that you can tell us what you think. In addition, among the other questions asked, we would like to know what were your favorite sessions, and what would you like to see at next year's conference. The link to our brief, anonymous survey is in the chat and will also be emailed to you.

Second, in addition to our signature annual technology conference, the Permanent Commission also convenes an annual law school conference, which will be held virtually on June 8th. The conference theme is the role of New York law schools in helping to meet the essential civil legal needs of low-income New Yorkers. We hope that those of you who are interested will join the Commission and our conference partner, Albany Law School. Details will be posted on our website in the near future.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for attending the 2022 New York Statewide Civil Legal Aid Technology Conference and focusing on how technology can improve access to justice, which I hope you found to be a worthwhile and valuable experience. And I thank all of you for being part of it, thank you. Please stay safe and healthy.