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### DAVID PRUET AND AMBER HALL AUTHOR BBJ ARTICLE EXAMINING HOW LAWYERS HAVE ADAPTED TO THE PANDEMIC

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Lightfoot, Franklin & White, LLC partner **David R. Pruet III** and associate **Amber N. Hall** authored an article for the *Birmingham Business Journal* (subscription required) about how lawyers have adapted to changes in law in the era of COVID-19. (Read the full article on our website [here.](#))

Their article, titled “Lawyers adapting to litigation changes in the age of COVID-19,” discusses how the pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus has forced lawyers to be more innovative in how they approach typical business interactions. The piece explores the reality that, while not all aspects of conducting law are easy to replace in a virtual context, there are facets of the virtual environment that prove to be just as efficient as its “in-person” counterpart.

“It turns out, for example, that virtual hearings via Zoom are efficient and often just as productive as in-person hearings,” write the authors. “And, while conducting remote depositions by video is not always a fair substitute for the ‘real deal,’ in the right case, they too can be efficient and productive.”

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