

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
GENERAL ORDER 12 - 0005**

The full Court met in executive session on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 and approved an amendment to Local Rule 83.1 regarding Court Facilities: Limitations on Use. The proposed amendment was published with comments due on December 30, 2011. No comments were received from the Public.

The Court's Rules Advisory Committee reviewed the rule at its meeting on January 10, 2012 and approved the amendment as published.

The Court's Rules Committee discussed the rule at its meeting on January 19, 2012. It recommended that the full Court adopt the proposal as published.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on January 25, 2012 and agreed to modify Local Rule 83.1. Therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on Wednesday, January 25, 2012,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Rule 83.1 Court Facilities: Limitations on Use be amended as follows (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~):

**LR83.1. Court Facilities: Limitations on Use**

(a) Court Environs Defined. For the purpose of this rule the term "court environs" shall refer to the following areas:

- (1) in Chicago in the Courthouse:
  - (A) the 6th through the 8th floors, and the 10th through the 25th floors, inclusive;
  - (B) the offices of the Pretrial Services Department of this Court on the 15th floor, and the public corridors immediately adjacent to those offices;
  - (C) the central jury assembly lounge, south elevator banks, and corridors leading from one to the other on the 2nd floor; and
  - (D) the immediate areas surrounding the elevators on the 1st floor;
- (2) in Chicago but not in the Courthouse, the offices of the Probation Department of this Court located at 55 East Monroe Street;
- (3) in the Eastern Division but not in Chicago, the immediate area surrounding the courtroom on the 2nd floor of the Federal Building and Courthouse at Joliet; and

(4) in the Western Division, the entire 1st and 2nd floors of the Courthouse at Rockford.

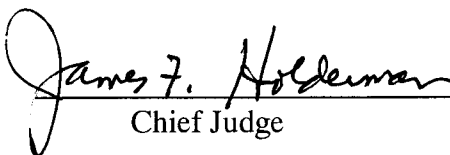
(b) Soliciting & Loitering Prohibited. Soliciting and loitering within the court environs is prohibited. The unapproved congregating of groups or the causing of a disturbance or nuisance within the courthouses of this Court is prohibited. Picketing or parading outside of the courthouses of this Court is prohibited only when such picketing or parading obstructs or impedes the orderly administration of justice.

(c) No Cameras or Recorders. Except as provided for in section (e) below, the taking of photographs, radio and television broadcasting or taping in the court environs during the progress of or in connection with judicial proceedings including proceedings before a United States magistrate judge, whether or not court is actually in session, is prohibited.

(d) Marshal to Enforce. The United States marshal and the Custodian of the courthouses shall enforce sections (b) and (c) of this rule, either by ejecting violators from the courthouse or by causing them to appear before one of the judges of this Court for a hearing and the imposition of such punishment as the court may deem proper.

(e) Limited Exception for Video Recording Pilot Program. Proceedings being recorded as part of the video recording pilot program approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts in September of 2010 are exempted from the provisions of section (c) of this Rule. Such recordings must comply with guidelines for the pilot program approved by the Judicial Conference. These guidelines allow recordings by Court cameras only. No other recordings are allowed.

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FOR THE COURT

  
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Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 31st day of January, 2012