

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

GENERAL ORDER 12 - 15

**MEDIA ACCESS TO THE EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN UNITED STATES
COURTHOUSE FROM MAY 18, 2012 THROUGH MAY 21, 2012**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF considering all public and private interests and providing for the safety of court personnel, attorneys, litigants, and the public in the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse with limited allocation of court security personnel during the Court's non-business hours the weekend starting the evening of Friday, May 18, 2012, through Monday morning, May 21, 2012, which is the weekend of the 2012 NATO Summit in Chicago; and

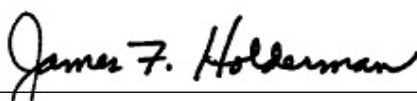
FOR THE FURTHER PURPOSE OF considering and balancing the rights of the public to know about court proceedings and the interest of those involved in the justice system to fair, impartial and uninterrupted delivery of justice in an environment that is physically safe and maintains decorum during any court proceedings that may have to be held that weekend;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 18, 2012, to 7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 21, 2012, media personnel who have been assigned a specific desk area in the media room on the second floor of the Dirksen United States Courthouse as of May 15, 2012, will be granted access to the second floor media room and to any courtroom in which court proceedings, if any, are occurring; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, consistent with General Order 12-14, no other members of the media or of the public shall be admitted to the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 18, 2012, to 7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 21, 2012.

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT



Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 15th day of May, 2012.