



THOMAS G. BRUTON

GUIDELINES FOR PROCEEDINGS

U.S.A. v. McClain et al
20 CR 812

The following procedures will apply in connection with the scheduled trial in *U.S.A. v. McClain et al*, scheduled to commence at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in Courtroom 1719 and overflow Courtroom 1944D at the Dirksen United States Courthouse located at 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

- The Courthouse will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m.
- The U.S. Marshals Service will be in charge of providing security and may limit seating or access as necessary to ensure the safety of all present.
- Pursuant to [Fifth Amended Order, IN RE: CORONAVIRUS COVID-10 PUBLIC EMERGENCY ORDER CONCERNING FACE MASKS/COVERINGS IN PUBLIC AREAS OF THE COURTHOUSES](#), all persons in Courtroom 1719, other than witnesses while testifying or attorneys while questioning witnesses, are required to wear a face mask/covering.
- One row in Courtroom 1719 will be reserved for news organizations that have reporters assigned to the courthouse on a full-time basis: Associated Press, Bloomberg News, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, Law 360. Each organization is allowed one reserved seat in this row and must be present at 9:45 a.m. in the public corridor outside Courtroom 1719 with [valid court media credentials](#) on display. One sketch artist with valid court media credentials will also be provided a seat in this row and must be present at 9:45 a.m. in the public corridor outside Courtroom 1719.
- Beginning at 9:30 a.m., all other members of the media and public may line up in the public corridor outside Courtroom 1719. Courtroom 1719 will open at 9:45 a.m. and seating will be provided on first-come, first-served basis.
- Courtroom 1944D will serve as an audio and video overflow courtroom. Members of the public and media may line up outside Courtroom 1944D beginning at 9:30 a.m.

- The use of laptops and other electronic devices is permitted while in Courtroom 1719 and Overflow Courtroom 1944D, but recording, streaming, broadcasting, or photographing is prohibited pursuant to Local Rule 83.1. Ringers must be set to silent.
- The Court recognizes the importance of providing access to court proceedings to members of the media and asks members of the media to display [court media credentials](#) on their person while in the courthouse.
- Photographing and video or audio recording or transmission of any court proceeding, including in an overflow room, is prohibited.
- No beverages or food are allowed in the courtroom.
- No conversations or disruptive gestures are permitted in the courtroom. Clothing and any items that may portray a message concerning the subject matter of the trial or may be disruptive to jurors are prohibited in the courtroom.
- No interviews or interview requests are permitted on the 17th floor or any other floor of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse other than in the lobby, pursuant to the August 23, 2018, [Joint Courthouse Security Order](#)
- Interviews may occur only in the designated media area of the lobby. [Only credentialed members of the media](#) may use the media area of the lobby. Filming of any security equipment or uniformed security personnel is strictly prohibited.
- Credentialed members of the media will have lobby access until 6:00 p.m.
- The recording, streaming, or use of cameras is not allowed in the Courthouse, except in the media area in the lobby. Cameras, photography, and recording are prohibited in all areas of the Courthouse except in the media area of the lobby.
- Pursuant to LR 83.1, the designated Freedom of Speech and Expression area is the Federal Plaza, located at the southwest corner of Adams and Dearborn Streets. The General Services Administration maintains this area and may require special permitting. Soliciting and loitering within the court environs is prohibited. The unapproved congregating of groups or the causing of a disturbance or nuisance within or on the curtilage of the courthouses of this Court is prohibited. Demonstrating, protesting, picketing or parading outside of the courthouses of this Court is prohibited only when such action obstructs or impedes the orderly administration of justice.
- The U.S. Marshals Service can restrict the entrance to the media area in the lobby should there arise a life safety concern with occupancy.

- The media is reminded that public safety must be considered, and any action that may cause an unsafe environment will be addressed by the U.S. Marshals Service. No member of the public or the media can block an entrance or exit to the Courthouse.
- Failure to comply with these rules will result in removal from the courtroom and courthouse. Any violation of a court order will be addressed.

Contact: Additional information, regulations, and prohibitions are on the Court's website, www.ilnd.uscourts.gov, and posted in the Courthouse. If you have any questions regarding the guidelines, please contact Julie Hodek, Public Information Officer, at julie_hodek@ilnd.uscourts.gov