



**THOMAS G. BRUTON**

## **GUIDELINES FOR PROCEEDINGS**

*U.S.A. v. Smith et al*

19 CR 669

The following procedures will apply in connection with the scheduled trial in *U.S.A. v. Smith et al*, scheduled to commence at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2022, in Courtroom 2525 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.
- Courthouse visitors are reminded of the [COVID-19 precautions](#) in place at the Dirksen Courthouse including a [face mask/covering requirement](#).
- 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.
- Beginning at 8:00 a.m., members of the media and public may line up in the public corridor outside Courtroom 2525 and will observe social distance spacing while in line. Courtroom 2525 will open at 8:15 a.m. Seating will be provided accordingly.
- In this trial, the jury will be seated in the center gallery. Members of the public may sit in marked seats in the side gallery benches on the north and south ends of the courtroom.
  - Special Note: on July 7, 2022, jury selection will require the use of two of the three gallery sections (center and north), so public attendees may only sit in the south gallery. Opening statements will not occur on July 7, 2022, even if jury selection concludes before the end of the day.
- The use of electronic devices is permitted while in Courtroom 2525. Ringers must be set to silent. In an effort to reduce noise in the gallery, when court is in session for this trial, no attendee may type on a keyboard with physical keys. Only virtual keyboards are permitted, whether on a laptop, tablet, or phone.
- Photographing and video or audio recording or transmission of any court proceeding is prohibited.

- No beverages or food are allowed in the courtroom.
- No conversations or disruptive gestures are permitted in the courtroom.
- No interviews or interview requests are permitted on the 25th 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.
- Media personnel 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.
- 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. 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](http://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 (312) 435-5693.