



THOMAS G. BRUTON

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604**

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312-435-6860

August 4, 2016

**GUIDELINES FOR PROCEEDINGS
08 CR 888 U.S.A. v. *BLAGOJEVICH***

The following procedures will apply in connection with the scheduled sentencing hearing in *U.S.A. v. Blagojevich*, scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. on August 9, 2016, in Courtroom 2503.

- The courthouse will open at 7 a.m.
- The U.S. Marshals Service will be in charge of providing security and may limit seating as necessary to ensure the safety of all present.
- All cell phones, laptops, and other electronic devices must be turned off while in Courtroom 2503.
- Seats will be reserved for news organizations with 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, and WBBM-AM. Each organization is allowed one reserved seat in this row, and must be present at 10:15 a.m. in the hallway outside Courtroom 2503.
- Sketch artists will be provided a seat and must be present at 10:15 a.m. in the hallway outside Courtroom 2503.
- Beginning at 10:00 a.m. all other media and public will be permitted to line up in the public corridor outside Courtroom 2503. Admission to the courtroom will be on a first come, first served basis. Once all seats are occupied, the courtroom will be closed and those without seats will be directed to the overflow courtroom, Courtroom 2525.
- Courtroom 2525 will serve as an audio and video overflow courtroom. A feed of the video conference will also be available in this courtroom.
- Members of the media and the public will be permitted to use overflow Courtroom 2525 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- The media may use laptops and smart phones, etc., to work on their stories in Courtroom 2525 and the media office on the second floor, but may not record, stream, or photograph while in the courtroom pursuant to Local Rule 83.1. The audio feed will also be streamed to the media office on the second floor.
- Making or receiving phone calls in Courtroom 2525 during the proceeding is prohibited.

- Due to other court proceedings, media and spectators shall leave the courtroom immediately after the proceeding.
- Photographing and video or audio recording or transmission of court proceedings is prohibited.
- No beverages or food (other than water at counsel table or the witness stand) 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 E.M. Dirksen U.S. Courthouse other than in the lobby, pursuant to General Order 07-001.
- Pursuant to General Order 07-001, found at www.ilnd.uscourts.gov, Clerk's Office Page/Media Information, interviews may occur only in the media area of the lobby. Filming of any security equipment or uniformed security personnel is 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 of 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 is allowed to restrict the entrance to the media area in the lobby should there arise a life safety issue 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 appropriately.

Contact: Additional information, regulations, and prohibitions are on the court's website, www.ilnd.uscourts.gov, and posted in the media area of the lobby. If you have any questions regarding the guidelines, please contact Julie Hodek at (312) 435-5693.