

UNITED STATES v. CONRAD BLACK, ET AL.

COURTROOM SEATING:

A row of chairs will be added between the defense table and the first bench. These chairs and the first bench are reserved for family members of the defendants and defense lawyers. The first bench behind the government's table is reserved for the government.

During jury selection, the benches on the right side of the courtroom as you enter the courtroom will be reserved for the jury panel. Two benches on the left side of the courtroom will be reserved for the media with a Media Pass on a first come, first serve basis.

Once the jury is selected, four benches on the right side of the courtroom as you enter the courtroom will be reserved for the media. One of the benches will be designated 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, Daily Southtown, and WBBM-AM. The other three benches are reserved for the media organizations that pre-registered with the District Court and have received Media Passes. Each organization is allowed one reserved spot. If the remaining benches for spectators have not filled 5 minutes before court commences, reporters may sit there as well. One chair will be added at the end of the first two benches on both sides. These chairs are reserved for the sketch artists.

COURTROOM PROCEDURES:

- * No electronic devices will be allowed in the courtroom, including cell phones, pagers, and laptops.
- * Law enforcement agents and attorneys who are permitted to bring cell phones and pagers into the courtroom must turn them off.
- * 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 are permitted in the courtroom.
- * The jury trial begins at 9:30 a.m. sharp Monday through Thursday. All spectators must be seated before trial begins.
- * Failure to comply with these rules will result in removal from the courtroom.

OVERFLOW COURTROOM: Room 1719

CONTACT: If you have any questions regarding the guidelines, please contact Michael W. Dobbins, at 312-435-6860.