

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 07 – 001
(Amended 05/15/2013 and 08/05/2016)**

**GUIDELINES REGARDING USE OF THE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE LOBBY
BY MEDIA PERSONNEL**

FOR THE PURPOSES OF protecting the freedom of the press by according media personnel the privilege of using the lobbies of the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse and the Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse to gather newsworthy information; and

FOR THE FURTHER PURPOSES OF protecting the public's right of access to the courts as well as protecting the physical safety and security of members of the public, Courthouse employees, and media personnel who make use of the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse and the Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that designated media areas located within the secured areas of the Courthouse lobbies shall be determined, maintained, and supervised by the United States Marshals Service for use by media personnel during hours when the Courthouses are open to the public, consistent with appropriate Courthouse decorum; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no member of the media may solicit or conduct any on- or off-camera interview for broadcast or publication anywhere within the Courthouses, including the lobbies, other than within the designated media areas; this includes leaving the designated media areas to film, photograph, or interview people passing through the lobby areas; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any members of the public or government personnel who assent to be interviewed by the media in the Courthouses or on the Courthouse grounds shall be positioned to avoid filming any security equipment or device during such interviews; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no member of the media may film, photograph, or record a video image of any uniformed Courthouse security personnel on duty within the Courthouse or on the Courthouse grounds or any security equipment or device in the Courthouses or on the Courthouse grounds. The dissemination of such a film, photograph, or video image by a member of the media will be considered a violation of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States Marshals Service is authorized to enforce the directives of this General Order; any person found to have violated this General Order may be held in contempt of Court, cited, and/or expelled from the Courthouses until an order of the Chief Judge of this Court, upon petition, reinstates access to the Courthouses.

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FOR THE COURT


Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 5th day of August, 2016.