

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

GENERAL ORDER 07 - 003

**REGISTRATION OF MEDIA PERSONNEL DESIRING PRIVILEGES AND
ACCOMMODATIONS IN ANY COURTHOUSE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT
COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

FOR THE PURPOSES OF protecting the freedom of the press and according appropriate privileges to the media to accommodate the unique needs of media personnel desiring to attend courtroom proceedings in cases of special interest to the media and the general public; and

FOR THE FURTHER PURPOSES OF protecting the rights of the general public to attend Courthouse proceedings that are open to the public;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of Court may provide privileges and accommodations to media personnel, including but not limited to reserved courtroom seating, access to designated media offices within the Courthouse, and periodic updates regarding developments in cases of interest; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in exchange for these special accommodations, the Clerk of Court may require advanced registration of all media personnel desiring privileges and accommodations; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as part of the registration process, the Clerk of Court may require proof of identification for media personnel desiring privileges and accommodations, and may require that such media personnel abide by the Orders, Guidelines, and Local Rules of the Court while in the Courthouse.

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT



Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 17th day of January, 2007.