



**THOMAS G. BRUTON**

## **GUIDELINES FOR SENTENCING**

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

19 CR 567

The following procedures will apply in connection with the sentencing in *U.S.A. v. Kelly et al*, scheduled to commence at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2023, in Courtroom 1925, overflow Courtroom 2119, and Credentialed Media Overflow Courtroom 1944D 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.
- 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.
- Seats in the south jury box of Courtroom 1925 will be reserved 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, Law 360. Each organization is allowed one reserved seat in this row and must be present at 9:45 a.m. in the public corridor outside Courtroom 1925 with [valid court media credentials](#) on display. One sketch artist with valid court media credentials will also be provided a seat in these rows and must be present at 9:45 a.m. in the public corridor outside Courtroom 1925.
- Beginning at 9:30 a.m., all other members of the media and public may line up in the public corridor outside Courtroom 1925. Courtroom 1925 will open at 9:45 a.m. and seating will be provided on first-come, first-served basis.
- The use of electronic devices is prohibited while in Courtroom 1925. The U.S. Marshals Service will provide cell phone lock boxes outside Courtroom 1925 to allow those entering the courtroom to secure their cell phones while attending the proceedings. Lock boxes are **not** large enough to accommodate tablets or laptops, so please plan accordingly.
- Courtroom 2119 will serve as an audio and video overflow courtroom that will accommodate individuals on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public and media may line up outside Courtroom 2119 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The use of electronic devices is prohibited while in Courtroom 2119. The U.S. Marshals Service will provide cell phone lock boxes outside of the overflow courtroom to allow those entering the courtroom to secure their cell phones

while attending the proceedings. Lock boxes are not large enough to accommodate tablets or laptops, so please plan accordingly.

- Courtroom 1944D will serve as an audio-only media workroom for members of the media who display valid, court-recognized media credentials. Credentialed members of the media may line up outside Courtroom 1944D beginning at 9:30 a.m. Members of the media may use laptops, tablets, smart phones, etc., to work on their stories in Courtroom 1944D but may not record, stream, broadcast, or photograph while in the courtroom pursuant to Local Rule 83.1.
- The Court recognizes the importance of providing access to court proceedings to members of the media and asks members of the media to display [court media credentials](#) on their person while in the courthouse.
- Photographing and video or audio recording or transmission of any court proceeding, including in an overflow room, is prohibited.
- No beverages or food are allowed in the courtroom.
- No conversations or disruptive gestures are permitted in the courtroom. Clothing and any items that may portray a message concerning the subject matter of the trial or may be disruptive to jurors are prohibited in the courtroom.
- No interviews or interview requests are permitted on the 19th floor, 21<sup>st</sup> 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.
- Credentialed members of the media 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.
- Pursuant to LR 83.1, the designated Freedom of Speech and Expression area is the Federal Plaza, located at the southwest corner of Adams and Dearborn Streets. The General Services Administration maintains this area and may require special permitting. Soliciting and loitering within the court environs is prohibited. The unapproved congregating of groups or the causing of a disturbance or nuisance within or on the curtilage of the courthouses of this Court is prohibited. Demonstrating, protesting, picketing or parading outside of the courthouses of this

Court is prohibited only when such action obstructs or impedes the orderly administration of justice.

- 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 and courthouse. 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 [julie\\_hodek@ilnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:julie_hodek@ilnd.uscourts.gov)