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

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March 3, 2020

**GUIDELINES FOR PROCEEDINGS**  
*United States of America v. Kelly, et al.*

The following procedures will apply in connection with the scheduled hearing in *United States of America v. Kelly, et al.*, scheduled to commence at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2020, in Courtroom 1941 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. Seating may be reserved to ensure access to the public, media, and case participants.
- Use of cellphones, tablets, laptops, and other electronic devices is prohibited while in Courtroom 1941.
- Effective March 2, 2020, members of the media are now required to present [valid media credentials](#) in order to access media areas such as the designated media space in the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse lobby or reserved courtroom media seating. Members of the media must wear their credentials while working at the courthouse.
- One row in Courtroom 1941 will be reserved for news organizations that have reporters assigned to the courthouse on a full-time basis: Associated Press, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, and Law 360. Each organization is allowed only one seat in this row and must be present at 9:45 a.m. in the hallway outside the Courtroom 1941.
- Sketch artists will be provided a seat and must be present at 9:45 a.m. in the hallway outside courtroom 1941.
- All other media and public will line up in the public corridor outside Courtroom 1941 no earlier than 9:30 a.m. Seating will be provided accordingly.
- Courtroom 1719 will be an audio and video overflow room. The media may use laptops, cell phones, tablets, etc. to work on their stories in Courtroom 1719, but may not record, stream, or photograph while in the courtroom pursuant to Local Rule 83.1.
- Photographing and video or audio recording or transmission of any court proceeding is prohibited.
- No beverages or food (other than water at counsel table) are allowed in the courtroom.
- No conversations or disruptive gestures are permitted in the courtroom.
- No interviews or interview requests are permitted on the 19th floor or any other floor of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse other than in the lobby, pursuant to August 23, 2018, [Joint Courthouse Security](#)

## Order.

- Interviews may occur only in the media area of the lobby. Filming of any security equipment or uniformed security personnel is strictly 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 in 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 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. 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 at [julie\\_hodek@ilnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:julie_hodek@ilnd.uscourts.gov)