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GUIDELINES FOR PROCEEDINGS

State of Illinois et al v. Trump et al
25 cv 12174

The following procedures will apply in connection with the scheduled hearing in State of Illinois et al v. Trump et al, scheduled to commence at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2025, in Courtroom 1725 and overflow Courtroom 1425 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 oversees security and may limit seating or access as necessary to ensure the safety of all present.
- Seating in the jury box in Courtroom 1725 will be reserved for the following news organizations that have reporters assigned to the courthouse on a full-time basis: Bloomberg News, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, Law 360, and Reuters. Each organization is allowed one reserved seat in this row and must be present at 10:40 a.m. in the public corridor outside Courtroom 1725. Two sketch artists will also be provided a seat in this row and must be present at 10:40 a.m. in the public corridor outside Courtroom 1725. Members of the media in this row will be asked to present valid, unexpired court-recognized media credentials. Any remaining seats in the jury box in Courtroom 1725 will be available for members of the media on a first-come, first-served basis.
- All other members of the public and media will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis in the non-reserved rows of the gallery of Courtroom 1725.
- Beginning at 10:30 a.m., members of the media and public may line up in the public corridor outside Courtroom 1725 and overflow Courtroom 1425. The Courtrooms will open at 10:45 a.m.
- The use of tablets and cellphones (i.e., electronic devices without keyboards) is permitted while in the jury box in Courtroom 1725. The use of laptops and other electronic devices is permitted while in the gallery of Courtroom 1725 and in overflow Courtroom 1425. Ringers must be set to silent.

- Photographing and video or audio recording or transmission of any court proceeding, including in an overflow courtroom, is prohibited.
- No beverages or food are allowed in the courtroom.
- No conversations or disruptive gestures are permitted in the courtroom.
- 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.
- Members of the media must display court media credentials on their person while in the courthouse.
- Credentialed members of the media will have lobby access until 6:00 p.m.
- Chairs and stools will not be allowed in the media area of the lobby.
- 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, 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