

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE, SS.

SUPERIOR COURT

MEDIA ORDER

The Court is responsible to ensure that trials are conducted in a fair and impartial manner, free from undue pressures and outside influences. Similarly, the Court is responsible to the public and the press to provide reasonable access to judicial proceedings. All trials and proceedings must also be conducted in an atmosphere of dignity, decorum, and respect.

With these obligations in mind, the Court makes the following order pursuant to Superior Court Rule 78 and in clarification of Administrative Order 2011-3, and this Court's Order of July 15, 2011:

1. No live video or audio feeds of any court proceedings shall be permitted during jury trials.
2. At trial, when the jury is present and at other hearings, cameras, broadcast equipment and recording devices will be permitted in the courtroom under the following terms:
 - a. There shall be no artificial lighting.
 - b. All cameras and equipment shall be of professional quality, unobtrusive, in good repair and carry no insignia or indication of organizational affiliation.
 - c. Still cameras shall not be motor-driven.
 - d. Jurors shall not be photographed.
 - e. There shall be no audio coverage of bench conferences or conferences between attorneys and clients or witnesses.
 - f. All cameras and audio equipment shall be located in areas designated by the court security and shall be completely set up

before each session begins, and shall remain stationary during the proceedings. Cameras shall not be moved until court recesses.

g. The number of video cameras and operators in the courtroom is limited to one.

h. The number of still cameras and operators in the courtroom is limited to one.

i. Members of the electronic and photographic media shall pool equipment and personnel. Those arrangements are the sole responsibility of the media to resolve by agreement before hearing. The court does not expect to resolve any media disputes but may revoke this order if pooling agreements cannot be reached.

j. Photographers and videographers must remain a reasonable distance from parties, counsel tables, alleged victims, witnesses and families unless the trial participant voluntarily approaches the camera position. In no event will any interview occur in the courtroom.

k. Media representatives shall not stand in, sit in or otherwise block the courtroom exit lane and doors.

3. Photographing and videotaping in and about the building are subject to the posted orders of the Court and will be enforced by court security.

4. The total number of seats available for the media will depend on the circumstances and assigned as conditions dictate.

5. The Court may exercise its discretion, on its own initiative or by request, to exclude or further limit media coverage of all proceedings when necessary to ensure the integrity and dignity of the judicial process, to protect a substantial legitimate privacy

interest, to deal with matters not open to the public or when the interests of justice require.

6. Clerk of Court, Barbara A. Hogan, shall serve as court media coordinator for purposes of implementing this order and handling any other media-related issues.

7. This order may be amended or revoked at any time.

VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ORDER MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL OF THE OFFENDER FROM THE COURT, OTHER RESTRICTIONS OF MEDIA PRIVILEGE, OR CONTEMPT OF COURT PROCEEDINGS.

SO ORDERED

Date: _____

John P. Arnold
Presiding Justice