



United States District Court
For the District of Columbia

Application for Sketch Artist Pass

D.D.C. Sketch Artist Policy: In the interest of providing the public with access and information, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia welcomes sketch artists seeking to cover court proceedings. Sketch artists who wish to sketch or draw proceedings from a District Court courtroom, overflow room, or media room must first obtain a sketch artist pass. In addition, prior to attending any proceeding, sketch artists should contact the Court's media liaison to confirm access to the proceeding and appropriate seating. At the Court's discretion, seating for sketch artists may be limited for reasons of space and security. Only authorized sketch artists are permitted to sketch or draw in District Court courtrooms, overflow rooms, or media rooms. Under no circumstances may an artist depict the faces or other identifying characteristics of jurors or prospective jurors (simple silhouettes are permissible), and a presiding judge may impose additional restrictions when the circumstances of a particular case warrant.

Please answer the questions below completely and return this form by email or in hard copy to the Court's media liaison. Please also provide a jpg or pdf copy of your employer-issued credential. A copy of a driver's license or other government-issued photo id is also acceptable.

1. Name and Contact Information:

Full Name:

Title:

Organization Name:

Office Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email Address:

2. Media and Sketch Artist Credentials:

Please list any governmental agencies or organizations with which you have press or sketch artist credentials:

3. Acknowledgement and Agreement to Sketch Artist Rules:

Please read the statements below and sign your initials to indicate your acknowledgement and agreement:

- a. I have read and I understand the *D.D.C. Sketch Artist Policy*, as stated above, and I agree to abide by this policy. _____
- b. I understand that under no circumstances may I sketch or draw faces or other identifying characteristics of jurors or prospective jurors (simple silhouettes are permissible), and I agree to abide by this restriction, as well as any others that may be imposed by a presiding judge in a particular case. _____
- c. I understand that photography and audio and video recording of court proceedings from a courtroom, media room, overflow room, or elsewhere, is strictly prohibited, and that absolutely no broadcasting or transmission of court proceedings is allowed. _____
- d. I agree to abide by the aforementioned rules, and I recognize that any violation could result in revocation of my sketch artist pass, among other consequences. _____
- e. I understand that a sketch artist pass is issued to an individual, not an organization, and is non-transferable. Inappropriate transfer or use of a sketch artist pass will result in its revocation. _____

4. Signature:

By my signature below, I hereby attest to the truthfulness of the information I have provided in this application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Media Liaison Contact Information:

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