



United States District Court
For the District of Columbia

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.

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