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Courts for the District of Columbia**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

IN RE: PROHIBITION ON
PHOTOGRAPHING, RECORDING,
BROADCASTING, AND
LIVESTREAMING JUDICIAL
PROCEEDINGS

Standing Order No. 24-31 (JEB)

Chief Judge James E. Boasberg

ORDER

1. This Court is committed to providing broad public and media access to judicial proceedings, with exceptions for matters that are sealed or restricted by a judge for reasons of security or confidentiality.

2. This Court facilitates public access to judicial proceedings in several ways. For a high-profile proceeding, the Court may open a media room in the courthouse, allowing members of the media to observe a live audio/video feed of the proceeding and file contemporaneous written reports. The Court may also open an overflow room in the courthouse with a live audio/video feed of a proceeding when public interest in the proceeding is expected to exceed the capacity of the main courtroom. When a proceeding is held by videoconference, members of the public and media may watch the videoconference from the presiding judge's courtroom. For certain non-trial civil proceedings, the presiding judge may authorize the use of an audio-only call-in line for members of the public and media to listen remotely.

3. Although members of the public and media are permitted to enter the courthouse with electronic devices, a presiding judge may limit the possession and use of such devices in a courtroom or overflow room when circumstances warrant.

4. Photographing, recording, broadcasting, and livestreaming of judicial proceedings by members of the public and media is strictly prohibited, regardless of whether a proceeding is observed from a courtroom, overflow room, or media room, or accessed by a remote call-in line. *See* Local Civil Rule 83.1(a); Local Criminal Rule 53.1(a); Fed. R. Crim. P. 53; and *Media Policy of the U.S. Courts of the D.C. Circuit*. Violations of these prohibitions have the potential to jeopardize the safety and well-being of witnesses and participants in judicial proceedings and may otherwise interfere with the administration of justice.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** that any member of the public or media who violates these prohibitions may be subject to sanctions, including contempt, removal of court-issued media-room passes, denial of entry to future proceedings, or any other sanctions deemed necessary and appropriate by the Court.

SO ORDERED.

September 17, 2024


JAMES E. BOASBERG
Chief Judge