

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE: PROHIBITION AGAINST RECORDING,
PHOTOGRAPHING OR BROADCASTING COURT HEARINGS**

Due to the national health emergency and related social distancing and travel restrictions resulting from COVID-19, Judges are conducting Court hearings by video or telephonic conferencing to the extent permitted by law and with consent of the parties. Instructions on how to access the Court's video or teleconferencing systems are provided by separate order and can be viewed in PACER.

Participants are reminded of the prohibitions regarding photographing, recording and broadcasting Court proceedings (Local Rule 77.1, provided below). This prohibition applies to hearings held telephonically or using any video platform such as Zoom or WebEx.

Participants who violate Local Rule 77.1 may face sanctions including removal of court issued media credentials, restricted entry to future hearings, denial of entry to future hearings, or any other sanctions deemed necessary by the presiding judicial officer.

RULE 77.1 PHOTOGRAPHING, BROADCASTING, TELEVISIONING

Other than required by authorized personnel in the discharge of official duties, all forms of equipment or means of photographing, audio- or video-recording, broadcasting or televising within the environs of any place of holding court in the District, including courtrooms, chambers, adjacent rooms, hallways, doorways, stairways, elevators or offices of supporting personnel, whether the Court is in session or at recess, is prohibited; except that: (a) photographing in connection with naturalization hearings or other special proceedings, as approved by a Judge of this Court, will be permitted; and (b) following a declaration of a local, state, or national emergency, audio and video recording may be permitted by order of the Court.

Questions regarding access should be directed to:

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