

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Access to Video and Teleconference Hearings

In light of the ongoing national emergency with respect to the coronavirus pandemic, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida has issued general orders supporting video and teleconferencing for civil and criminal hearings in accordance with the applicable statutes and rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States. This Court continues to stridently support the presumption of public access to hearings before the court and in support of that presumption, for the duration of this national emergency, makes the following accommodation available:

1) Access to Criminal Court duty hearings will be made available to the public via teleconference. To participate by phone, please call:

FORT PIERCE MAGISTRATE DUTY COURT
USA Toll-Free Number: (888) 684-8852
Enter Access Code: 4709640

2) Questions regarding access should be directed to: Court-Admin_FLSD@flsd.uscourts.gov

3) Participants are reminded of the prohibitions regarding photographing, recording and broadcasting of court proceedings (Local Rule 77.1, provided below);

4) 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 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) Judges participating in the Judicial Conference of the United States pilot program may permit recording, broadcasting, and publishing of proceedings in accordance with program guidelines.

April 10, 2020
/s/ A. Noble
Angela E. Noble
Clerk of Court