

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY
AT KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE

SULLIVAN COUNTY, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ENDO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

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ORDER ON MEDIA COVERAGE

Media coverage of the above-styled case has been requested. Camera and audio recording access to courtroom proceedings is subject to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 30, which states:

A. Media Access.

(1) Coverage Generally.

Media coverage of public judicial proceedings in the courts of this State shall be allowed in accordance with the provisions of this rule. The coverage shall be subject, at all times, to the authority of the presiding judge to:

- (i) control the conduct of the proceedings before the court;
- (ii) maintain decorum and prevent distractions;

- (iii) guarantee the safety of any party, witness, or juror; and
- (iv) ensure the fair and impartial administration of justice in the pending cause.

Requests by representatives of the media for such coverage must be made in writing via email to: Barbara Peck - Barbara.peck@tncourts.gov - not less than two (2) business days before any proceeding is scheduled to begin. The presiding judge may waive the two-day requirement at his discretion.

As there is high interest in the proceedings captioned above, the following additional provisions are ordered to ensure the decorum envisioned in Rule 30 is maintained.

- There will be no more than one video camera and one still camera allowed in the courtroom during the proceedings. The video pool camera is CVN, which will provide a feed to other media to utilize. CVN will also provide free access to registered media to watch off-site.
- Live broadcasting and livestreaming shall be on a 15-minute delay. The jury may never be shown. Baby Doe and his/her family members shall not be shown. There will be no video during jury selection.
- There shall be no additional photography or video during the proceedings, including the use of cell phone cameras or other similar devices.

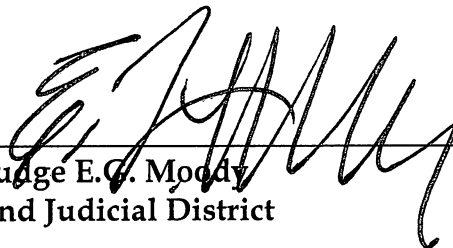
- Audio recordings may be used for note-taking purposes only. Any devices used to capture audio for note-taking purposes should be discreet and kept out of view of witnesses and the jury.
- Laptops, tablets, and/or smartphones may be used for note-taking purposes in the last two rows of the gallery so long as they are not distracting.
- Once proceedings have begun, there will be no movement of media personnel or equipment in the courtroom in any way that may be distracting.
- Jurors shall not be identified in any way beyond gender and general age during the trial. Jurors may not be photographed at any time. The media may not follow or question jurors during the trial.
- The media shall show respect to all litigants, attorneys, and employees at the courthouse while reporting from or providing coverage there. This includes the common areas of the courthouse as well as the grounds.
- All media and equipment should be in the courtroom and prepared to begin 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of any proceeding.
- The presiding judge shall designate the location in the courtroom for media equipment and operators to permit reasonable coverage without disruption of the proceedings.
- "Stand up" or "live shots" are not permitted in the courtroom or in the justice center.

- All media must exit the building within 15 minutes of the close of proceedings in the case or at the end of regular business hours.
- The court does not provide internet access or wifi to the media. In addition, electrical outlets are likely to be very limited.

Failure to adhere to any provisions of this order may result in an appropriate sanction as determined by the presiding judge.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Entered this 20th day of July 2021



Judge E.G. Moody
2nd Judicial District

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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