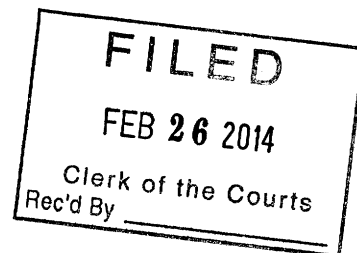


IN THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

IN RE: THE HONORABLE LU ANN BALLEW
CHILD SUPPORT MAGISTRATE
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COCKE COUNTY, TENNESSEE



Docket No. M2013-02345-BJC-DIS-FC

File No. B13-5426

ORDER ON MEDIA COVERAGE

Media coverage of the above-styled public judicial proceeding has been requested and is approved, subject to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 30. This coverage shall be allowed, but shall be subject, at all times, to the authority of the Board Chair acting as the presiding judge of the trial to: (i) control the conduct of the proceedings before the Board; (ii) maintain decorum and prevent distractions; (iii) guarantee the safety of any party, witness, or hearing panel member; and (iv) ensure the fair and impartial administration of justice in the pending cause.

Requests for Media Coverage. Requests by representatives of the media for such coverage must be made in writing by email or fax to:

Michele Wojciechowski
Director of Communications
Administrative Office of the Courts
511 Union St, Suite 600
Nashville, TN 37219
mwojciechowski@tncourts.gov
FAX 615-741-6285

not less than two (2) business days before the trial is scheduled to begin. The presiding judge may waive the two-day requirement at his discretion.

Equipment and Personnel.

(1) **Limitations.** At least one, but no more than two television cameras with one operator each and two still photographers using not more than two cameras each, and one audio system for radio broadcast purposes, will be permitted in the courtroom during the trial. There shall be no additional photography during the trial, including cell phone cameras. Tweeting, texting or other electronic communication (other than audio) by cell phone, laptop, tablet or other electronic device will be permitted as long as the activity does not interfere with proceedings, and the equipment is operated in silent mode.

(2) Pooling Arrangements. When more than one request for media coverage is made, the media shall select a representative to serve as a liaison and be responsible for arranging pooling among the media that may be required by these limitations on equipment and personnel. The identity of the person selected, including name, business address, phone, email address and fax number, shall be emailed or faxed to Ms. Michele Wojciechowski, above.

Pooling arrangements shall be reached when the trial is not in session and shall be the sole responsibility of the media without calling upon the presiding judge to mediate any dispute as to the appropriate media representative or equipment authorized to cover a particular proceeding. Such pooling arrangements shall include the designation of pool operators, procedures for cost sharing, access to and dissemination of material, and selection of a pool representative if appropriate. In the absence of advance media agreement on disputed equipment or personnel issues, the presiding judge shall exclude all contesting media personnel from the trial. Michele Wojciechowski is the contact for all questions regarding media coverage.

(3) Personal Recorders. Media personnel may use hand-held cassette tape recorders that are no more sensitive than the human ear. Such recorders are to be used for the making of sound recordings as personal notes of the proceedings, and shall not be used for any other purpose, including broadcast. Usage shall not be obtrusive or distracting, and no change of tape shall be made during court sessions.

(4) Print Media. This order does not govern the coverage of a proceeding by a news reporter or other person who is not using a camera or electronic equipment.

Sound and Light Criteria.

(1) Distractions. Only television, photographic and audio equipment which does not produce distracting sound or light shall be employed to cover proceedings in a court facility. Signal lights or devices to show when equipment is operating shall not be visible. Moving lights, flash attachments, or sudden light changes shall not be used.

(2) Courtroom Light Source. If possible, lighting for all purposes shall be accomplished from existing court facility light sources. If no technically suitable lighting exists in the court facility, modifications and additions may be made in light sources existing in the facility, provided such modifications and additions are unobtrusive, located in places designated in advance of any proceeding by the presiding judge, and without public expense.

(3) Audio Pickup. Audio pickup for all purposes shall be accomplished from existing audio systems present in the court facility or from a television camera's built-in microphone. If no technically suitable audio system exists in the court facility, microphones and related wiring essential for media purposes shall be unobtrusive and shall be located in places designated in advance of any proceeding by the presiding judge.

(4) Technical Difficulties. Court proceedings shall not be interrupted by media personnel because of a technical or equipment problem. If any problem occurs, that piece of equipment shall be turned off while the proceeding is in session. No attempt shall be made to correct the technical or equipment problem until the proceeding is in recess or has concluded.

Location of Equipment and Conduct of Media Personnel.

(1) Location of Equipment and Personnel. The presiding judge shall designate the location in the courtroom for media equipment and operators to permit reasonable coverage without disruption of proceedings. As the trial is scheduled to start at 10 am, members of the media who wish to set up equipment in the courtroom must arrive no later than 9:30 am to ensure enough time prior to the start of the trial for any needed equipment set-up.

(2) Movement During Proceedings. During proceedings, operating personnel shall not move about nor make any adjustment or change of any equipment which disrupts or distracts from the proceeding. Media broadcast, photographic or audio equipment shall not be placed in or removed from the court facility except prior to commencement of or during a recess in the trial.

(3) Conduct of Media Personnel. Media personnel assigned to cover a judicial proceeding shall attire and deport themselves in such a way that will not detract from the proceeding.

ENTERED this 26th day of February, 2014.



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