

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

GENERAL ORDER 07 - 001

**GUIDELINES REGARDING USE OF THE EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN UNITED
STATES COURTHOUSE LOBBY BY MEDIA PERSONNEL**

FOR THE PURPOSES OF protecting the freedom of the press by according media personnel the privilege of using the lobby of the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse to gather newsworthy information; and

FOR THE FURTHER PURPOSES OF protecting the public's right of access to the courts as well as protecting the physical safety and security of members of the public, Courthouse employees, and media personnel who make use of the lobby area of the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a designated media area located within the secured area of the Courthouse lobby shall be determined, maintained, and supervised by the United States Marshals and Court Security Officers for use by media personnel during hours when the Courthouse is open to the public, consistent with appropriate Courthouse decorum; and


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no member of the media may solicit or conduct any on- or off-camera interview for broadcast or publication within the Courthouse lobby other than within the designated media area; this includes leaving the designated media area to film, photograph, or interview people passing through the lobby area; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any members of the public or government personnel who assent to be interviewed by the media in the Courthouse lobby shall be positioned at the north or south entrance of the designated media area during such interviews; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States Marshals and Court Security Officers are authorized to enforce the directives of this General Order; any person found to have violated this General Order may be in contempt of Court and expelled from the Courthouse until an order of the Chief Judge of this Court, upon petition, reinstating access to the Courthouse.

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FOR THE COURT


Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 9th day of January, 2007.