

Judge Jonathan P. Hein

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Shawn D. Cooley, et al  
Plaintiff(s)

CASE NO.: 2023-0009

Angie Heller  
CLERK

-VS-

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO  
PHOTOGRAPH, TELEVISION, RECORD  
OR BROADCAST COURT  
PROCEEDINGS

Joseph E. Foreman, et al  
Defendant(s)

[Name] Laken Schafer, representing the media  
agency, [Agency name] Pistils Production & Co and requests permission for  
 broadcasting  televising  recording  taking photographs of,  
court proceedings to be held on [date] March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026,  
pursuant to Superintendence Rule 12.

By signing this request the undersigned certifies that the agency will abide by the  
local court rules on photographing, televising, recording, and/or broadcasting court  
proceedings, and acknowledges receipt of said rules.

Laken Schafer  
Agency Representative

\*\*\*\*\*JOURNAL ENTRY\*\*\*\*\*

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the agency named above is granted  
permission to photograph, televise, record or broadcast court proceedings as requested,  
provided that they fully comply with the local court rules on photographing, televising,  
recording and/or broadcasting court proceedings, and any additional orders of the Court.

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Judge

- (1) An individual may not serve as an interpreter in any proceeding and shall be disqualified if that individual:
  - (a) Is a party to the proceeding or is a family member, friend, or associate of a party.
  - (b) Is an attorney or is employed by an attorney for any party in the proceeding.
  - (c) Has a financial interest in the outcome of the proceeding.
  - (d) Is a potential witness in the proceeding.
  - (e) Is unable to be impartial due to bias for or against any party or counsel. Any actual or potential conflict of interest must be disclosed to the Court and all parties as soon as it is known.
- (2) A disqualified individual may be permitted to serve as an interpreter only upon a finding of good cause by the Court and with the consent of all parties on the record.

#### H. Remote Interpretation

- (1) To ensure the timely availability of certified and qualified interpreters, the Court may utilize remote technology (such as video or telephonic conferencing) for interpretation services. Due to the location of the Court, remote interpretation shall be the presumed method for all proceedings unless otherwise ordered.
- (2) A party may file a motion objecting to the use of a remote interpreter. The motion must be filed no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding and must show good cause why the interpreter's physical presence is necessary for the specific proceeding.

#### I. Additional Information

- (1) Additional resources, including interpreter search functionalities and best practices, are available on the Supreme Court of Ohio's Language Services Program website, which can be accessed at: <https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/courts/services-to-courts/language-services/>

### Rule 025: MEDIA IN THE COURTS

- A. Purpose and Scope: This rule balances open justice principles with the Court's duty to ensure fair and impartial justice by providing a framework for media access to court proceedings.
- B. Definitions:
  - (1) "Media Representative" is anyone engaged in gathering and disseminating news to the public.
  - (2) "Traditional Media" includes newspapers, magazines, radio, and television stations.
  - (3) "New Media" refers to online organizations that are independent, regularly update original news content, have an editorial process, and are not primarily for advocacy or marketing. The applicant bears the burden of proving they meet these criteria.
- C. Procedure for Requesting Access:
  - (1) Written requests to record proceedings must be submitted, preferably well in advance but no later than 30 minutes before the session.
  - (2) The Court will typically grant the request in writing.
- D. Pooling and Equipment:
  - (1) Media representatives must pool their resources for recording, with a selected coordinator responsible for equipment placement and operation.

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