

In the
Indiana Supreme Court



NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY)
AUTHORIZATION TO)
BROADCAST COURT PROCEEDINGS)

Cause No. 94S00-1311-MS- 742

ORDER

Notwithstanding the prohibitions against broadcasting, televising, recording, or taking photographs in the courtroom and adjacent areas in the Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17, the Supreme Court will authorize still photography, video and audio coverage of certain uncontested adoptions in Indiana trial courts on or about National Adoption Day.

National Adoption Day is an effort to raise awareness about children in foster care waiting to find permanent families. Several Indiana trial courts are celebrating National Adoption Day to increase awareness of the value of adoption. The Supreme Court will allow coverage of adoption proceedings under the following terms:

Term. From Friday, November 15, 2013, through Friday, November 22, 2013.

Judges. Starke Circuit Court Judge Kim Hall; Grant Superior Court Judge Dana J. Kenworthy; Vanderburgh Superior Court Judge Brett J. Niemeier; Tippecanoe Circuit Court Judge Donald L. Daniel and Tippecanoe Magistrate Sean M. Persin; Allen Superior Court Judge Charles F. Pratt; and Henry Circuit Court Judge Mary G. Willis have given their consent and expressed willingness to participate in National Adoption Day.

Consent. Judges Hall, Kenworthy, Niemeier, Pratt, Willis, Daniel and Magistrate Persin are authorized to allow still photography, video, and audio coverage of uncontested adoption proceedings. The judges have full discretion in allowing or denying the press and public to use an electronic device to capture the proceedings. The Judge shall ensure the consent of the parties. This order permitting electronic coverage does not authorize public access to the documents and records of the proceeding.

Transmission and Use of Content. Media may use still photography, video and audio for news purposes and families may use an electronic device to capture and preserve the event.

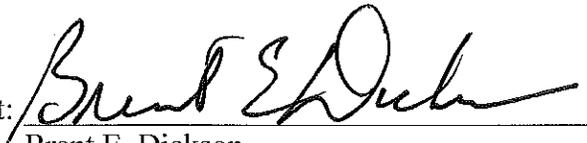
Equipment. The equipment used to capture the proceedings must not be intrusive of the judicial process and must be operated from areas specifically designated by the court.

Decorum. Media personnel are to be non-intrusive to the judicial process. Personnel may enter and leave at the discretion of the judge. Courtroom proceedings shall not be disrupted or interrupted. Appropriate attire is required.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to the Hon. Kim Hall, Judge of the Starke Circuit Court; to the Hon. Dana J. Kenworthy, Judge of Grant Superior Court; to the Hon. Brett J. Niemeier, Judge of Vanderburgh Superior Court; to the Hon. Donald L. Daniel, Judge of Tippecanoe Circuit Court; to the Hon. Sean M. Persin, Magistrate of Tippecanoe County; to the Hon. Charles F. Pratt, Judge of the Allen Superior Court; to the Hon. Mary G. Willis, Judge of the Henry Circuit Court; to the Supreme Court Administration Office, and to Kathryn Dolan, Supreme Court Chief Public Information Officer. The Clerk is also directed to post this order on the Court's website.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on November 8, 2013.

For the Court:



Brent E. Dickson
Chief Justice of Indiana