

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 387

Amending Canon 3(A)(7)(c) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, Relating to Media Coverage of Proceedings in the Supreme Court and Trial Courts of Alaska.

IT IS ORDERED:

Canon 3(A)(7)(c) of the Code of Judicial Conduct is amended to read as follows:

(c) the broadcasting, televising, recording, and the taking of photographs in the courtroom and areas immediately adjacent thereto during a judicial proceeding open to the public or during recesses between such sessions of court, provided:

- (i) that a plan for media coverage has been approved by the Supreme Court. A plan for media coverage shall contain safeguards to ensure compliance with (ii) through (iv) of this subsection and shall include provisions governing the numbers and types of camera and broadcast equipment to be allowed, numbers of camera and equipment operators, location of cameras and equipment and media personnel, movement of personnel and equipment, lighting augmentation if any to allowed, forms, designation of courtrooms approved for coverage, and other details as may be necessary to regulate the media activity in accordance with this subsection;
- (ii) that permission shall just have been expressly granted by the judge and by counsel for both parties to the proceedings, except that for media coverage of Supreme Court proceedings only the permission of the Court shall be required;

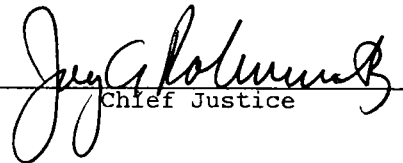
- (iii) that the media activity will not distract the participants, impair the dignity of the proceedings, or interfere with the achievement of a fair and impartial hearing or trial;
- (iv) that in trial court proceedings, no witness, juror, or party who expresses to the judge any prior objection shall be photographed by any camera, nor shall the testimony of such a witness, juror or party be broadcast or telecast;
- (v) that participating members of the media shall agree to abide by the provisions of this subsection and any approved plan for media coverage; and
- (vi) that each judge shall provide the Administrative Director on request information concerning any media coverage of proceedings before that judge, including written reasons for any denial by the judge of permission for media coverage.

DATED: September 27, 1979

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 1979

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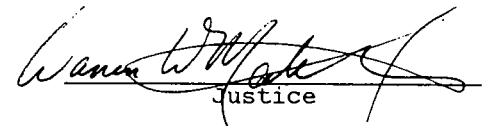
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Justice Roger G. Connor dissents from this order.