



Chambers of
Erick L. Larsh
PRESIDING JUDGE

Superior Court of California County of Orange

700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST
SANTA ANA, CA 92701

Administrative Order 21/12 Order Prohibiting Photography, Broadcasting, and Filming in Court

The purpose of this Order is to ensure the safe and orderly use of court facilities; to ensure the fair and equal administration of justice; to minimize activities which unreasonably disrupt or interfere with the orderly and peaceable conduct of court business; to prevent the intimidation of witnesses and jurors; to provide for the fair and orderly conduct of hearings and trials; to protect the security of property and persons in court facilities; and to maintain proper decorum and dignity in the courthouse.

Photography, broadcasting, video recording, audio recording, electronic recording, and filming is prohibited in or on the grounds of any court building except as expressly authorized by California Rules of Court, rule 1.150, or Local Rule 180. This Order applies to any space designated for judicial proceedings, whether permanently or temporarily, in addition to any building containing at least one courtroom. The prohibition also applies to any part of any court building, including, but not limited to, lobby areas, cafeterias, halls, stairs, escalators, and elevators. This Order also applies to any Court owned or leased portion of a multi-purpose, commercial or private building that contains at least one courtroom.

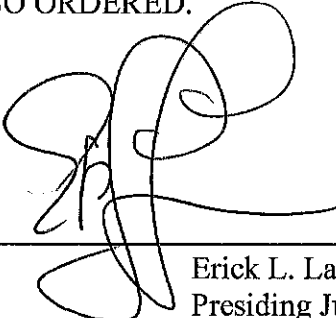
This Order is made pursuant to the explicit authority granted by Code of Civil Procedure sections 128, 177, and 187, California Rules of Court, rule 1.150, Orange County Superior Court Local Rule 180, and the Court's inherent powers, including the Court's inherent power to protect witnesses and jurors' safety and privacy. (*Townsel v. Superior Court* (1999) 20 Cal.4th 1084, 1091; *People v. Virgil* (2011) 51 Cal.4th 1210, 1237.) The inside of a courthouse, including the lobby, hallways and courtrooms, is a nonpublic forum. (*Berner v. Delahanty* (1st Cir. 1997) 129 F.3d 20, 26; *Huminski v. Corsones* (2nd Cir. 2004) 396 F.3d 53, 91.)

This Order shall not apply to authorized Court-sponsored or cosponsored community activities or events relating to the administration of justice or to permitted uses by judicial officers or court employees.

Violation of this Order may result in the imposition of monetary sanctions in amounts of up to \$1,500 per violation pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 177.5; a citation for contempt in violation of Code of Civil Procedure section 1209(a)(5); prosecution for criminal violations of Penal Code section 166(a)(3, 4, or 5), or other sanctions as provided by law.

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.

8/20/2021
Date



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