SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR CLARK COUNTY

GENERAL ORDER 20-15

PROHIBITING RECORDING OR DISSEMINATING OF REMOTE PROCEEDINGS

Adopted: June 16, 2020

Per General Order 20-06, Clark County Superior Court has announced an expansion of case types it will hear remotely to ensure the safety and well-being of court staff, counsel, parties, and members of the public.

Superior Court General Rule 16 generally allows video recording by news media in the courtroom during and between sessions, with the prior permission of the judge.

Accordingly, it is hereby Ordered that,

1. The prohibition on recording proceedings of the Superior Court without prior permission extends to recording the audio or video of remote proceedings.

2. All lawyers, litigants, participants, or observing members of the press or public are prohibited from taking photographs or recording video or audio during remote proceedings, except with written authorization by the judicial officer conducting the hearing.

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3. No person participating in, or listening to, such a proceeding may rebroadcast, live-stream, or otherwise disseminate any live or recorded audio or video of the court proceeding, except with written authorization by the judicial officer conducting the hearing.

4. Violation of this order may subject the offender to removal, contempt of court, and such other penalties as are provided by law.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2020

Scott A. Collier, Presiding Judge

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