## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION AND JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

## **JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 25-1**

RE: MEDIA ACCESS TO THE COURTHOUSE

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

## EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THIS COURT,

Newspersons may attend Juvenile Court hearings in person by presenting a court pass. A court pass may be obtained by providing official press credentials and a government issued photo identification to the Presiding Judge's Office for the appropriate division. In the case of remote or hybrid remote proceedings, newspersons may attend Juvenile Court hearings remotely by obtaining permission from the Presiding Judge's Office for the appropriate division.

Pursuant to General Administrative Joint Order 2024-01, newspersons must obtain specific authorization from the Presiding Judge for any use of TV cameras or tape recorders in the building.

Reporters may use conference rooms adjacent to courtrooms to interview individuals, if the rooms are not being used by court personnel. The individuals will decide if they wish to be interviewed.

Press tours must be escorted by a Deputy Sheriff or a court staff person.

Written authorization must be obtained, in advance, from the Presiding Judge's Office for filming movies and documentaries.

Calendar judges may institute more restrictive requirements.

This Joint Administrative Order supersedes Joint General Order 11-2.

This order is entered this date, July 16, 2025, and shall be spread of record and published.

Donna L. Cooper

Presiding Judge

Juvenile Justice Division

Andrea M. Buford

Acting Presiding Judge

Child Protection Division