

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

### **District of Minnesota**

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## NEWS RELEASE

# **United States District Court for the District of Minnesota Access to Courthouse during COVID-19**

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#### Effective immediately and until further notice:

- a. Members of the press and public may attend public court proceedings remotely through telephone conference. Instructions on joining teleconference calls can be found on the court's website at: <a href="https://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/sites/mnd/files/2020-0331\_Telephonic-hearings-procedure-for-the-public.pdf">https://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/sites/mnd/files/2020-0331\_Telephonic-hearings-procedure-for-the-public.pdf</a>.
- b. Members of the public and media are strictly prohibited from recording or broadcasting any hearing, in whole or in part, in any fashion.

The Court is in the process of establishing this access for all public court hearings. Additional questions can be directed to Media Coordinator, Rebeccah Parks at Rebeccah Parks@mnd.uscourts.gov.

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