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**IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR CARSON CITY**

ACLU of Nevada,

Plaintiff,

v.

**THE STATE OF NEVADA, DEPARTMENT OF
MOTOR VEHICLES,**

Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 25 EW 00026 1B

DEPT. 2

**ORDER GRANTING MEDIA REQUEST TO
ALLOW CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM**

This matter comes before the Court on a request by Hannah Branch of ACLU of Nevada, Media Request to Allow Cameras in the Courtroom requesting permission to record and publish the hearing scheduled on **February 6, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.** under SCR 230(1). The court administrator notified the attorneys of record of the request.

Supreme Court Rules (SCR) 229 through 246 govern the coverage of a proceeding by a news reporter. SCR 229(2). There is a presumption that all courtroom proceedings open to the public are subject to electronic coverage. SCR 230(2).

A written request for permission to provide electronic coverage must be filed 24 hours before the proceeding commences, but a judge may grant a request on shorter notice or waive the request requirement. SCR 230(1).

In determining whether electronic coverage will be allowed a judge shall consider the factors set forth in SCR 230(2):

a) The impact of coverage upon the right of any party to a fair trial;

- b) The impact of coverage upon the right of privacy of any party or witness;
- c) The impact of coverage upon the safety and well-being of any party, witness or juror;
- d) The likelihood that coverage would distract participants or would detract from the dignity of the proceedings;
- e) The adequacy of the physical facilities of the court for coverage; and
- f) Any other factor affecting the fair administration of justice.

If any news reporter fails to comply with the conditions prescribed by the judge, the judge may revoke that individual's permission to provide electronic coverage of the proceeding. Rule 231(1).

This authorization may be revoked at any time without prior notice when, in the judge's discretion, it appears that electronic coverage of the judicial proceedings is interfering in any way with the proper administration of justice. Rule 231(2).

News reporters shall not interrupt a court proceeding with a technical or equipment problem. SCR 233(6).

The decorum and dignity of the court, the courtroom, and the proceedings must be maintained at all times. SCR 236(2).

Video, photography or audio reproductions may only be used for educational or informational purposes and may not be used for unrelated advertising purposes. SCR 241(1).

The official court record of any proceeding is the transcript of the original notes of the court reporter or court recorder made in open court. Videos, photographs, or audio reproductions made in a court proceeding as a result of these rules shall not be considered as part of the official court record. SCR 241(2).

News reporters shall have no greater rights of access than the public. SCR 242(2).

1 The judge who knows that the proceeding will be covered by news reporters shall
2 advise the attorneys and parties in the proceeding of this fact and call these rules to the
3 attention of the attorneys, unrepresented parties and the pool coordinator or designee. It
4 shall be the responsibility of attorneys to notify their witnesses. SCR 245.

5 Here, Hannah Branch wants to photograph the proceedings regarding the
6 Petition for Writ of Mandamus involving ACLU and The State of Nevada, Department of
7 Motor Vehicles.

8 Under the circumstances it does not appear:

- 9 a) The coverage will have any impact upon the right of any party to a fair trial;
- 10 b) The coverage will adversely affect the right of privacy of any party or witness;
- 11 c) The coverage will adversely affect the safety or well-being of any party,
12 witness or juror;
- 13 d) The coverage will distract participants or detract from the dignity of the
14 proceedings;
- 15 e) The physical facilities of the court are adequate for the coverage; and
- 16 f) No other factor affects the fair administration of justice.

17 **THE COURT ORDERS:**

18 The request to observe and hear the proceedings is **GRANTED**.

19 1. If any news reporter fails to comply with the conditions prescribed by the
20 judge, the judge may revoke that individual's permission to provide electronic coverage
21 of the proceeding.

22 2. This authorization may be revoked at any time without prior notice when,
23 in the judge's discretion, it appears that electronic coverage of the judicial proceedings
24 is interfering in any way with the proper administration of justice.

25 3. The decorum and dignity of the court, the courtroom, and the proceedings
26 must be maintained at all times.

1 4. Video, photography or audio reproductions may only be used for
2 educational or informational purposes and may not be used for unrelated advertising
3 purposes.

4 5. The official court record of any proceeding is the transcript of the original
5 notes of the court reporter or court recorder made in open court. Videos, photographs or
6 audio reproductions made in a court proceeding as a result of these rules shall not be
7 considered as part of the official court record.

8 6. The judicial assistant will provide the attorneys and parties in the
9 proceeding a copy of this order. It shall be the responsibility of attorneys to notify their
10 witnesses.

11 February 30, 2026.



Kristin Luis
District Judge

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of the First
3 Judicial District Court of Nevada; that on this 4th day of February 2026, I served a copy
4 of the foregoing order.

5 By placing a true copy in an envelope addressed to:

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17 The envelope was sealed and then deposited in the District Court's central
18 mailing basket in the Court Clerk's Office for delivery to the United States Postal Service
19 at 1111 South Roop Street, Carson City, Nevada, 89701, for mailing.

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