

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-02  
22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF LOCAL COURT RULE 1.15  
FOR MOCK TRIAL EVENT

**WHEREAS**, Local Court Rule 1.15 prohibits photography, broadcasting, and recording within the courtrooms of the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center, to uphold the decorum, dignity, and privacy of judicial proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois State Bar Association has sanctioned a mock trial event that serves an educational purpose by simulating real-life courtroom proceedings for law students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court recognizes the educational value and public interest in allowing the documentation of such an event through photography and videography to foster a greater understanding of the judicial process among participants and spectators; and


**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary to temporarily suspend Local Court Rule 1.15 specifically for the duration of the mock trial event, to permit photography and recording under controlled conditions that do not compromise the security and operational integrity of the Judicial Center.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

1. **Temporary Suspension of Rule 1.15:** On Friday, January 30, 2026, Local Court Rule 1.15 is temporarily suspended in courtrooms 201, 202, 203, 204, 301, 302, 303, and 304, and, during the mock trial event sanctioned by the Illinois State Bar Association.
2. **Scope of Permission:** Photography, broadcasting, and recording are permitted solely within the specified courtrooms during the mock trial event. All such activities must be conducted in accordance with guidelines established by the Illinois State Bar Association.
3. **Exclusion of Other Areas:** Photography, broadcasting, and recording shall remain prohibited in the hallways and other areas of the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center not expressly mentioned in this order.
4. **Compliance with ISBA Rules:** Participants and spectators engaged in photography or videography must adhere strictly to the rules set forth by the Illinois State Bar Association, ensuring that these activities do not disrupt the proceedings or infringe upon the privacy rights of any participants.
5. **Duration of Order:** This order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect only for the duration of the mock trial event, after which Local Court Rule 1.15 shall be reinstated in full force.

IT IS SO ORDERED,

Date: 1/13/26

  
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MICHAEL W. FEETTERER  
CHIEF JUDGE