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**AMENDMENT OF
ORDER CONCERNING ELECTRONIC MEDIA
AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHY COVERAGE OF
PUBLIC JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

The ORDER CONCERNING ELECTRONIC MEDIA AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHY COVERAGE OF PUBLIC JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS, adopted by this Court 21 September 1982, 306 N.C. 797, as amended 10 November 1982, 307 N.C. 741, is hereby amended as follows:

Rewrite subsection 2(a) to read as follows:

(a) The presiding justice or judge shall at all times have authority to prohibit or terminate electronic media and still photography coverage of public judicial proceedings, in the courtroom or the corridors immediately adjacent thereto.

Add a new subsection 3(c) to read as follows:

(c) The presiding judge may, however, exercise his or her discretion to permit the use of electronic media and still photography coverage without booths or other restrictions set out in 3(a) and 3(b) if the use can be made without disruption of the proceedings and without distraction to the jurors and other participants. Such permission may be withdrawn at any time.

Reletter present subsections (c) to read (d), (d) to read (e), and (e) to read (f).

Rewrite subsection 5(c) to read as follows:

(c) Not more than one wired audio system for radio broadcast purposes shall be permitted in any proceeding in a trial or appellate court. Audio pickup for all media purposes shall be accomplished with existing audio systems present in the court facility. If no technically suitable audio system exists in the court facility, microphones and related wiring essential for media purposes may be installed and maintained at media expense. The microphones and wiring must be unobtrusive and shall be located in places designated in advance of any proceeding by the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of the judicial district in which the court facility is located. Such modifications or additions must be approved by the governing body of the county or municipality which owns the facility. Provided, however, hand-held audio tape recorders may be used upon prior notification to, and with the

approval of, the presiding judge; such approval may be withdrawn at any time.

As amended the Order adopted 21 September 1982 shall be in effect from 1 July 1987 to 30 June 1988 unless earlier amended, rescinded, or extended by order of the Court.

This order shall be published in the advance sheets of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeals.

ADOPTED BY THE COURT IN CONFERENCE this the 24th day of June 1987.

WHICHARD, J.
For the Court