

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

In re:)
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PROHIBITION ON BROADCASTING,)
TELEVISIONING, RECORDING, OR) Standing Order No. 20-15
PHOTOGRAPHING COURT)
PROCEEDINGS,)
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ORDER PROHIBITING BROADCASTING, TELEVISIONING, RECORDING, OR
PHOTOGRAPHING OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

The Court enters this Standing Order to memorialize the Court’s adherence to the policy set forth in the Guide to Judiciary Policy, which prohibits the broadcasting, televising, recording, or photographing of bankruptcy court proceedings. Guide to Judiciary Policy, Vol. 10, Ch. 4 §§ 410.10(a), 410.20, 430(g); *cf.* United States Courts, History of Cameras in Courts, <https://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/judicial-administration/cameras-courts/history-cameras-courts> (last visited April 9, 2020). This prohibition excludes a court’s use of audio and audio-visual recording equipment to make the official record of court proceedings. *Id.* §§ 420(b)(2); 430(b)-(c). Further, a court may authorize these activities for the limited purposes and in the manner set forth in Volume 10, Chapter 4, Sections 420(b) and (c) and Section 430. *Id.* §§ 420(b)-(c), 430.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the broadcasting, televising, recording, or photographing of bankruptcy court proceedings is strictly prohibited except as specifically authorized by the Court consistent with Guide to Judiciary Policy. This Order applies to all bankruptcy court proceedings regardless of whether such proceedings are conducted in the courtroom or remotely.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:


FRANK J. SANTORO
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: April 9th, 2020