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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PRESIDING JUDGE**

**FILED**  
San Francisco County Superior Court  
FEB 02 2012  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
Deputy Clerk

STANDING ORDER  
(Photography, Broadcasting and Recording  
in the Civic Center Courthouse)

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*Pursuant to California Rules of Court 1.150 and the Court's inherent powers, no filming, photography or electronic recording is permitted in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor hallways or public areas of the Civic Center Courthouse (CCC). Furthermore, media equipment shall be used only in designated media areas in CCC. These procedures have been developed (1) to protect the privacy interests of children, litigants, and others who may be attending dependency hearings on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor; (2) to ensure the efficient, safe and effective functioning of the Court; and (3) to avoid disruptions to regular court business. This order takes effect immediately and will remain in effect indefinitely. The San Francisco County Sheriff's Department is charged with taking necessary steps to enforce this Order. Violation of this Order may result in the confiscation of the electronic device(s) and a citation for contempt and/or the levying of monetary sanctions pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure, sections 1209 and 177.5.*

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1. While members of the news media and the public may exercise their right to attend and report on open judicial proceedings, it will be impermissible under this Order to conduct news media interviews with TV and video cameras and/or electronic recording devices in the public hallways or other areas of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of CCC, including the 4<sup>th</sup> floor rotunda. No camera of any kind may be used in the hallways and/or all public spaces on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

1 2. This Order in no way restricts the media's right under Rule 1.150 to request to  
2 photograph courtroom proceedings open to the public that occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of CCC.

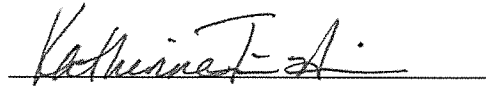
3 3. Media coverage equipment, including tape recorders, television and video cameras,  
4 still cameras, cell phone cameras or any other devices containing a camera, may be used only  
5 in designated media areas in CCC. Such areas are located on the south side of the building  
6 adjacent to the women's restrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors. No filming, photography  
7 or electronic recording is permitted outside the door of any courtroom, jury assembly room,  
8 hallway, elevator or lobby of CCC.

10 4. Special requests for filming CCC courtrooms or employee work areas, including  
11 clerks' offices, shall be at the discretion of the Presiding Judge, Assistant Presiding Judge or  
12 Court Executive Officer. Requests to film empty courtrooms or employee work areas,  
13 including clerks' offices and the self-help center, shall be made in writing at least two days  
14 before the date of the proposed filming or photographing. Such requests to film or shoot in  
15 advance shall be made through the San Francisco Superior Court's Communications  
16 Director.

18 5. At no time shall any grouping of people in any hallway, entrance or exit become so  
19 large as to prevent or impede normal movement of court users and staff.

20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

21 Date: February 2, 2012

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24 KATHERINE FEINSTEIN  
25 Presiding Judge  
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