

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONROE COUNTY  
STATE OF INDIANA**

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	)	<b>CAUSE NO. 53C06-2208-PL-001756</b>
PLANNED PARENTHOOD	)	
NORTHWEST, HAWAI'I, ALASKA,	)	
INDIANA, KENTUCKY, INC., et. al.	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
Vs.	)	
	)	
MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL	)	
LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA, et. al.	)	
Defendants.	)	

**COURTROOM MANAGEMENT AND DECORUM ORDER**

This case has generated substantial public interest and media attention. In light of this interest, the Court has set forth rules of conduct and guidelines designed to govern the expectations of the people involved in the Hearing and those observing the Hearing so that the decorum of an open court will be maintained throughout the proceedings.

The purpose of this order is to maintain order and adequate security while permitting the public and the press to exercise their rights.

Pursuant to the Court's inherent authority to assure the proper administration of justice, it is therefore ORDERED that the following rules are in effect. The Court may rescind or modify the Order at any time. Any person or organization who violates this Order will be subject to the discipline of the Court, including contempt and permanent exclusion from the courtroom.

The matter is set for Bench Trial commencing on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. allowing three (3) days.

**I. Streaming**

Due to the public interest in this matter and the limited seating available in the courtroom, the Court intends live stream the Bench Trial. Those wishing to view the Bench Trial should visit:

<https://public.Courts.in.gov/incs>

Once at the site, viewers should select the Monroe Circuit Court 6 Channel to view the proceedings.

The decision to live stream the Bench Trial is subject to further review based upon pending issues surrounding requests for exclusion of certain evidence from public access, functionality of

available technology and administrative demands. Should the demands of streaming be too administratively burdensome, the Court may reconsider its decision to live stream.

## **II. Security**

Security during these proceedings shall be provided by the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. All persons entering the Charlotte Zietlow Justice Center shall be subject to standard security protocols.

Upon entering the Justice Center, all media representatives shall identify themselves and produce appropriate identification (photo preferred). Additionally, they shall declare whether they possess any electronic devices (including any audio or video recording device, camera, cell phone, tablet, etc.) and use the devices only in permissible locations.

## **III. Access to the Courtroom**

The Bailiff will allow credentialed media to begin entering the courtroom no more than 30 minutes prior to the start of the Bench Trial. Members of the public will be allowed to enter the Courtroom 15 minutes prior to the start of the Bench Trial. Once the Bench Trial begins, distractions will not be allowed.

Specifically, the Bailiff will only allow entrance and exit during designated breaks in the Bench Trial. If a person chooses to leave the courtroom during the Bench Trial, he/she shall not be allowed to reenter the courtroom until the next break.

## **IV. Seating**

All persons must be seated during the proceedings; there will be no standing. No person will be admitted unless there is adequate seating. There will be designated seating areas for counsel, parties, and credentialed media (with media defined as persons employed by or representing a newspaper, periodical, press association, radio station, or television station).

The parties will be allocated 10 seats total in addition to seats at counsel table. The media will be allocated 14 seats; and the general public will be allocated the remaining seats in the courtroom. If seats are in high demand, media may be limited to one representative from each news organization.

All reserved seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Groups will be directed to their respective seating areas. Unoccupied seats in the courtroom may be given to the general public if the court determines it appropriate.

## **V. Dispute**

Any dispute among media (e.g. whether one organization/network is taking up too many seats, whether a specific individual constitutes media, whether a member of the press has correctly identified their network affiliation) will be decided by the media organizations collectively.

If the dispute cannot be resolved by the media and it results in seating issues, the court may employ a blind draw seating arrangement where all present members of the media place their name in a draw and the court seats press according to the drawn names and the number of media seats available.

#### **VI. Photography and Video in the Courtroom Prohibited**

The Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits broadcasting, televising, recording, and taking photographs in a courtroom and areas immediately adjacent during sessions of court or during any recesses of the trial without prior authorization from the Court. No such request has been made and no prior authorization has been granted by the Court at this time. No still or video photography or audio recordings shall be permitted in the courtroom or adjacent area.

Any violation shall result in the item being confiscated and erased, and violators and their affiliated organizations are subject to being excluded from the courtroom for the remainder of the trial.

Any interception, transmission, reproduction, re-broadcast, or dissemination of the audio signal created by the Court's audio system is prohibited pursuant to the Rules of the Indiana Supreme Court. Any voice recognition software used to capture and transcribe courtroom procedure is also prohibited.

#### **VII. Interviews**

Media interviews outside of the courthouse building generally are not regulated by this order and are, instead, subject to the administration of the law under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff of Monroe County.

No interviews or broadcast activities shall take place in the courtroom or adjacent area. Instead, media must conduct interviews outside the courthouse. All counsel are directed to comply and inform their clients, staff, and witnesses of the terms of this order regarding interviews.

#### **VIII. Electronics Devices (phones, iPads, laptops)**

Electronic devices, such as laptops, iPads, cell phones etc. in silent mode are permitted inside the courtroom and media area. Credentialed media may use electronic devices for note taking and for transmitting messages. Members of the general public may not use phones or electronic devices during the Hearing. No photographs or audio can be captured or transmitted with an electronic device by any Party.

#### **IX. Media Contact**

Pursuant to the Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct, the Judge, and other members of the staff of Monroe Circuit Court are unable to respond to requests for comments or interviews.

SO ORDERED this 22<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

/s/ Kelsey B. Hanlon

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Kelsey B. Hanlon, Special Judge  
Monroe Circuit Court