

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE DRAWING AND TRIAL FOR *THE PEOPLE V. CONRAD MURRAY TRIAL*

NOTE: Failure to follow any of the rules will result in the loss of a seat for the individual, or media outlet, for the duration of the hearing and other proceedings before the Court. In addition, violations of these rules may result in contempt of Court proceedings being instituted against the violator.

THE FOLLOWING RULES AND GUIDELINES APPLY AT ALL TIMES:

NO PHOTOGRAPHY IS ALLOWED IN THE COURTHOUSE OR IN THE COURTROOMS AT ANY TIME, INCLUDING THE TAKING OF CELL PHONE PICTURES. VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IS PROHIBITED

- The Public Information Office will conduct a drawing for public seating each morning at 7:30 a.m. (time subject to change if necessary) at this location. In the event of rain, the drawing will be conducted inside the courthouse by the Temple Street entrance (adjacent to the patio).
- Six (6) public seats will be allocated each morning.
- The holder of the public seat must wear their court-issued identification at all times. The entrance pass is valid only on the date issued.
- Four (4) additional “stand by” seat tickets will be allocated each morning -- tickets are valid only if seats become available. It does not guarantee the bearer a seat.
- Individuals with a winning ticket must provide their name and identification to the Public Information Office representative upon receipt of their courtroom entrance pass.
- The drawing is open to anyone 18 years of age or older.
- The winning tickets are nontransferable, anyone who gives , or attempts to allocate their entrance pass to another person, will not be permitted to participate in any public drawing for the remainder of the trial.
- Proper courtroom attire is required, no hats, shorts, sunglasses, etc.
- Anyone wearing pins, hats, and t-shirts bearing slogans that reference any party involved in the case will not be allowed in the courtroom.
- Anyone wearing make-up, costumes, or “tribute attire” related to any party associated with the case will not be permitted to participate in the public drawing.
- Entrance to the courtroom will be allowed only when the Court is in a recess. Anyone arriving once proceedings are underway must wait to enter during a break. Anyone exiting the courtroom during the proceedings will not be allowed reenter until a break.
- Unless otherwise announced, the proceedings will begin promptly at 8:45 a.m. Daily start times may vary as Judge Pastor has other calendar matters to be heard. A change in the morning start time will be announced on the previous court day.

- No food or beverages of any kind will be allowed in or consumed in the courtroom. No gum chewing will be allowed.

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- No cell phone conversations or transmissions will be permitted in or from the courtroom at any time. Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off and kept out of sight during the proceedings. Members of the media may use electronic devices in the courtroom for note-taking purposes only.
- No still photographs, video or audio recording of the proceedings or sending or receiving of messages will be allowed.
- Audience members must not attempt to contact the judge, court staff, attorneys, witnesses, the defendant, or any Jackson or Murray family members in the courtroom.
- Audience members must observe appropriate courtroom behavior at all times. No conversation, passing of notes, or other disruptive behavior during the proceedings
- Audience members must refrain from reacting either orally or physically to questions, testimony, argument or comments made by the judge, attorneys, or witnesses.
- No disruptions in the hallways will be tolerated. The noise level in the hallway must be kept to a minimum. Please remember that the other courtrooms are in session.
- No blocking of hallways or courtroom doors is allowed.

Please contact Public Information Office staff or a Sheriff's deputy if you have a question or problem at 213-974-5227.