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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

In the Matter of)
MEDIA BLOGGING DURING)
COURT PROCEEDINGS)
_____)

ORDER RE MEDIA BLOGGING

This Order addresses the media's interest in blogging during court proceedings. For purposes of this Order, blogging is defined as the use of a technological device, such as a laptop, personal digital assistant, smart phone, or the like, together with wireless internet access, to upload text to an internet site or to a peer who will use the text for on-line, televised, or print news coverage.

The judges of this court will entertain formal requests for blogging on a case-by-case basis. Ruling upon blogging requests is at the sole discretion of the presiding judge and is non-reviewable, except where provided by law. All requests must be made by using the *Request for Media Blogging form* posted on the Court's website. Requests must be emailed to the *presiding judge's orders email address* which can be found on the Court's website.

When matters are calendared at least 28 days in advance, requests must be received by the presiding judge 14 days prior to the start of the hearing. As to matters calendared less than 28 days in advance, requests must be received by the

presiding judge as far in advance as practicable. Rulings on said requests will be docketed and served by the Clerk's Office.

Media members who are granted permission to blog shall present the following to the Court's Court Security Officers upon arrival at the courthouse for the applicable hearing:

- a copy of the Request and Order for Media Blogging;
- credentials from the media outlet that corresponds to a government-issued picture identification; and
- the equipment being utilized, for inspection purposes.

The following rules apply to all bloggers. Individual presiding judges reserve the right to establish additional rules and requirements, as necessary:

1. No recordings may be made inside the courthouse;
2. No photographs may be taken inside the courthouse;
3. Blogging must not create a distraction in the courtroom, whether for participants in the proceedings or others; and
4. Any violation of the terms of this order may result in the imposition of sanctions, including removal from the courtroom.

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, April 16, 2012.



/s/ Susan Oki Mollway
Susan Oki Mollway
Chief United States District Judge

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