

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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Paul Wikstrom,

Court File No. 62-CV-24-7378  
Case Type: Civil/Other Misc.  
Judge: Leonardo Castro

Contestant,

v.

Curtis Johnson,

**ORDER TEMPORARILY ALLOWING  
THE USE OF RECORDING BY AUDIO  
OR VIDEO MEANS ON ZOOM**

Contestee.

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Pursuant to former Chief Judge Leonardo Castro’s May 16, 2024, Amended Administrative Order entitled “Amended Order Establishing Rules Regarding Use of Electronic Devices in Court Facilities,” Rule 4 of the Minnesota Rules of General Practice, and in response to Rule 4.03(a) notices of intent to cover by audio and/or video this court’s scheduled hearing at 11:00 AM on December 3, 2024, this Court makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Prior to the execution of this Order, the following media outlets filed written notices of intent to cover the scheduled hearing in the above-captioned matter by video and/or audio means:
  - a. Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) News c/o Matt Sepic.
2. Notice to all parties was properly given and the Court considers the notices of intent and the notice to parties to be timely.

3. The parties filing notices of intent complied with all applicable rules and orders governing the use of recording devices during a scheduled civil hearing.
4. The parties have not filed objections to the request.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Video and audio recording will be allowed by Minnesota Public Radio during the remote (Zoom) hearing scheduled to take place in the above-captioned matter on December 3, 2024.
2. This order only permits video and audio recording. Any live broadcast or live streaming of the proceedings is prohibited.
3. From and after the time this Order is filed, any further notices of intent to cover the December 3, 2024 district court proceeding by either audio or video means are untimely. However, this Order does not prohibit the media outlets covered by this Order from sharing their video or audio files with other interested media outlets without court involvement. *Cf.* Minn. R. Gen. Prac. 4.04(4).
4. This Order only permits video and audio recording during the above-captioned hearing on December 3, 2024. Any future requests must comply with Rule 4 of the Minnesota Rules of General Practice.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: December 2, 2024

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Leonardo Castro  
Judge of District Court