

**SUPREME COURT
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT

Order Adopting Rules Governing Experimental
Coverage of Oral Arguments in Minnesota Supreme
Court by Television, Radio, and Photography.

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Upon the petition of the Minnesota State Bar Association
Joint Bar, Press, Radio, and Television Committee,

IT IS ORDERED that with respect to oral arguments presented
to the Minnesota Supreme Court which are directed at appeals pending
in this Court, the following provisions of Canon 3, Paragraph A(7)
may, at the discretion of the Court, be waived and suspended in
particular cases for experimental purposes, on the terms and conditions
hereafter set forth:

"CANON 3.

"A. Adjudicative Responsibilities.

"(7) A judge should prohibit broadcasting,
televising, recording or taking photographs
in the courtroom and areas immediately
adjacent thereto during sessions of court
or recesses between sessions,"

The rules hereby adopted are as follows:

1. At the discretion of the Court, proceedings of
the Supreme Court held in its courtroom may be broadcast
by television or radio, and may be photographed, if in
compliance with the provisions of these rules.

2. Cameramen, technicians and photographers covering
a proceeding will avoid activity which might distract
participants or impair the dignity of the proceedings; will
remain seated within the restricted areas designated by the
Court; will observe the customs of the Court; will conduct
themselves in keeping with courtroom decorum; their dress
shall not set them apart unduly from the participants in
the proceeding.

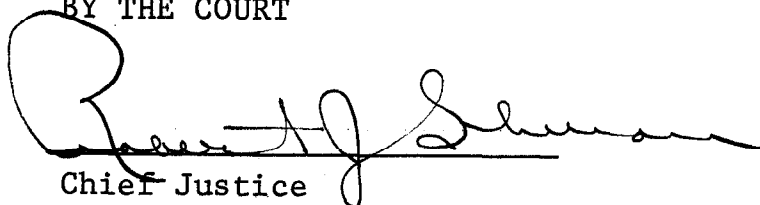
3. All broadcast and photographic coverage shall be
on a pool basis, the arrangements for which must be made by
the pooling parties in advance of the hearing. Not more
than one (1) ENG camera producing the single video pool-
feed shall be permitted in the courtroom. Not more than
two (2) still-photographic cameras shall be permitted in
the courtroom at any one time. Motor-driven still cameras
shall not be used.

4. Exact locations for all camera equipment within the courtroom shall be determined by the Court. All equipment shall be in place and tested 15 minutes in advance of the time the Court is called to order and shall be unobtrusive or hidden. All wiring shall be safely and securely taped to the floor along the walls.

5. Existing courtroom lighting shall prevail. Other lighting devices are prohibited.

Dated: January 27, 1978.

BY THE COURT

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert H. Sherman", written over a horizontal line.

Chief Justice