

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building and United States Courthouse

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Courthouse Logistics for Media and Members of the Public Attending the Jury Trial
(beginning June 3, 2024) in the matter of *The United States of America v. Robert Hunter Biden***

The J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building and United States Courthouse is open to the public 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. All visitors are screened by Court Security Officers upon entry to the building. All visitors must present a valid physical government-issue photo identification. Weapons of any kind are prohibited in the building.

In accordance with the Court's Electronic Devices Standing Order (attached), electronic devices, including cell phones, laptop computers, tablets, smart watches, etc., are not permitted in the building unless they can fit in the locked pouch provided by the United States Marshals Service. For reference purposes, the locked pouch typically fits 1 – 2 cell phones. Only members of the District of Delaware credentialed press will be authorized to bring electronic devices into the Courthouse.

Members of the District of Delaware credentialed press who have obtained from the Clerk of the Court In-House Press Credentials must wear those credentials in a conspicuous location on their person at all times when present in the Courthouse.

The Trial is scheduled to begin with jury selection at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 3, 2024, in Courtroom 4A. Members of the public and media may not be present in the courtroom during the time the Court is reading the *voir dire* questions to the jury pool as (given the size of the pool) there is not adequate room in the courtroom to do so without interfering with the proceedings. After the Court finishes reading the questions, it will direct the entire jury pool to another room, opening up seats at the back of Courtroom 4A. Members of the jury pool who have answered yes to any *voir dire* question(s) will be brought back into Courtroom 4A one by one for additional questioning. Once the jury pool has been escorted out of Courtroom 4A, members of the public and media may enter the courtroom and observe the *voir dire* questioning of individuals. The Court will also allow members of the public and media access to Courtroom 4A during the exercise of peremptory strikes. Seating for that exercise will be limited to designated rows on the left side of the courtroom, and thus those occupying a seat on the right side may be asked to move or leave to make room for prospective jurors. Members of the public and media not in the courtroom during jury selection may listen to those proceedings from the overflow room (3rd Floor Jury Assembly Room).

Members of the public and media attending the USA v. Biden proceeding will be directed to the Court's 3rd floor overflow room (Jury Assembly Room) immediately upon entry to the building where numbers will be physically handed out on a first come, first served basis for members of the press wanting to sit in the courtroom during jury selection. During the trial, members of the press wanting to sit in the courtroom will report to 4A for seating on first-come, first-serve basis.

To ensure fair access to the courtroom, only two members from each news outlet will be allowed to sit in the courtroom. In the event the courtroom does not fill to capacity, additional members of news organizations will be allowed entry until the courtroom is full. Those not able to attend the hearing in the courtroom will have access to view the proceeding via video stream in the overflow room in the Court's 3rd Floor Jury Assembly Room.

FAQs:

Can members of the public or media reserve a seat in the courtroom in advance of the proceeding?

- No. Seats will be given out on a first come, first served basis consistent with the procedures outlined above.

Will the Court allow any exception to the Electronic Devices Standing Order for the proceeding?

- No. This Court does not allow members of the press or the public to photograph, film, or record court proceedings. Electronic devices will not be permitted in the building except for those that can fit inside the locked pouch provided by the U.S. Marshals Service. Electronic devices will remain in the locked pouch in the possession of the visitor while in the courthouse. Laptops will not be approved to bring into the building.

Will reporters need to obtain any clearance or press pass to cover the hearing?

- No. Members of the media do not need to obtain court-provided press credentials. **Reporters should carry their press credentials with them into the building.** As with any visitor entering a federal courthouse, a valid form of government issued identification is required. Seating in the courtroom will be on a first-come, first-served basis, with each media outlet authorized two seats in the gallery.

How will I get my electronic device back if I put it in the locked pouch?

- Before exiting the courthouse, a Court Security Officer will unlock the pouch, at which time the visitor will be able to retrieve the visitor's personal device(s).

Where can media trucks park the day of the proceeding?

- At the direction of the City of Wilmington, media vans will be authorized to park on King Street, between 8th Street and 9th Street, on the block past the courthouse until

capacity is met. Please note that this location has limited space and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Where can the press setup cameras outside of the courthouse?

- The Federal Protective Service will be out front of the courthouse the morning of the event and will direct press to designated media staging areas. Members of the media cannot block entry into or exit from the courthouse.

If I need to leave the courtroom during the proceeding, will I be allowed back in?

- Should you need to leave the proceeding prior to the hearing being finalized, you will not be allowed to re-enter. Entry into the courtroom will be limited once the proceeding begins. However, members of the public and press may come and go from the overflow room.

How can the media obtain transcripts?

- Members of the media may order copies of trial transcripts directly from the court reporter. Do not contact the Clerk's Office to request a transcript.
- Call the court reporter to request an estimate for the price of the transcript you are requesting. Transcript preparation and delivery times will begin when payment has been satisfied with the court reporter. Dale Hawkins is the court reporter for this trial and can be reached at Dale_Hawkins@ded.uscourts.gov.

Can food/beverages be brought into the Courthouse?

- Food/beverages may only be consumed inside the Media Overflow Room. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Additional questions can be directed to press_request@ded.uscourts.gov. Please note: Court staff cannot comment on litigation pending before the court. Court staff are authorized only to provide information that is available online, through our public website, or through PACER.

Randall Lohan
Clerk of Court