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9 In Re:

10 GENERAL ORDER NO. 11- 0009

11 Local Rules of Practice,
12 Amendment to GR 15.1
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14 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that General Rule 15.1 of the Local Rules of Practice for
15 the District Court of Guam is amended as follows:

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17 GR 15.1 Pretrial and Trial Publicity.

18 (a) Broadcasting, Televising, Recording or Photographing Judicial and Grand Jury Proceedings.
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20 (1) The taking of photographs, operation of tape recorders or radio or television
21 broadcasting in the grand jury room, and its environs (i.e., the second floor of the U.S.
22 Courthouse; and the hallways and public areas leading to, and the hearing, waiting, or
23 witness rooms utilized by the Grand Jury) or the public hallways and lobbies adjacent to
24 the courtrooms during the progress of or in connection with any proceeding, including
25 proceedings before a United States Grand Jury, whether or not actually in session, is
26 prohibited.
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1 (2) A judge may, however, permit (1) the use of electronic or photographic means for the
2 presentation of the evidence or the perpetuation of a record by a court reporter, and (2) the
3 broadcasting, televising, recording or photographing of investiture, ceremonial, or
4 naturalization proceedings. Attorneys for the United States may use recording devices to
5 present evidence to a grand jury.

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7 (3) Coverage of certain civil proceedings in open court is permitted with the approval of
8 the Chief Judge of this Court and the judge presiding over the hearing, unless prohibited
9 by rule or statute.

10 (a) There shall be no recording, audio pickup or broadcast of conferences between
11 attorneys and their clients, between co-counsel, or sidebar conversations.

12 (b) There shall be no recording or broadcast of jurors.

13 (c) No video or photographic recording will be made of any proceeding in a case
14 without the consent of all parties. Consent to the recording of one proceeding in a
15 case will not be construed as consent to any other proceeding in a case.

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17 (4) The judge presiding over the hearing may limit or terminate video recording, or direct
18 the removal of camera coverage personnel when necessary to protect the rights of the
19 parties or to ensure the orderly conduct of the proceedings.

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21 (5) Proceedings will be recorded by Court personnel only. No recordings by other entities
22 or persons will be allowed. The Clerk of Court, or designee, shall identify the location in
23 the courtroom for the camera equipment and operators.

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25 (6) Equipment shall not produce distracting sound or light. Signal lights or devices to
26 show when equipment is operating shall not be visible. Motorized drives, moving lights,
27 flash attachments, or sudden light changes shall not be used. Still cameras that do not
28 operate quietly will not be used at any time when Court is in session.

1 (7) All equipment must be set up prior to the opening of the court session and may not be
2 removed until after the conclusion of the court sessions, or during a court recess. Camera
3 operators shall wear suitable attire in the courtroom.
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5 (b) Publicity. The Court personnel, including but not limited to marshals, clerks and deputies,
6 law clerks, secretaries, messengers, interpreters and court reporters, shall not disclose to any
7 person information relating to any pending proceeding that is not part of the public records of the
8 Court without specific authorization of the Court.
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10 (c) Officers of this Court. In criminal cases or proceedings before any judge of this Court,
11 prosecuting attorneys and defense counsel, as officers of this Court, and their associates,
12 assistants, agents, enforcement officers and investigators, shall refrain from making, or advising
13 or encouraging others to make to, for, or in the press, or on radio, television or other news media,
14 statements concerning the parties, witnesses, merits of cases, probable evidence, or other matters
15 which are likely to prejudice the ability of either the government or the defendant to obtain a fair
16 trial.
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18 SO ORDERED this 18th day of July, 2011.
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22 FRANCES M. TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD

23 Chief Judge
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