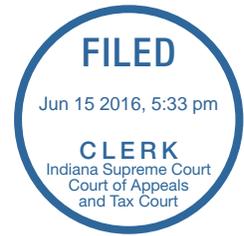


In the
Indiana Supreme Court

National Adoption Day Authorization to
Broadcast Court Proceedings

Supreme Court Case No.
94S00-1606-MS-327



Order

Notwithstanding the prohibitions against broadcasting, televising, recording, or taking photographs in the courtroom and adjacent areas in the Code of Judicial Conduct, Rule 2.17, the Supreme Court will authorize still photography, video, and audio coverage of certain uncontested adoptions in Indiana trial courts on or about National Adoption Day.

National Adoption Day is an effort to raise awareness about children in foster care waiting to find permanent families. Several Indiana trial courts are celebrating National Adoption Day to increase awareness of the value of adoption. The Supreme Court will allow coverage of adoption proceedings under the following terms:

Term. On or about National Adoption Day, which is Saturday, November 19, 2016.

Judges. Trial court judges performing uncontested adoptions can give their consent and express willingness to participate in National Adoption Day by registering through the Indiana Supreme Court's Office of Communication, Education, and Outreach.

Consent. The participating judges are authorized to allow still photography, video, and audio coverage of uncontested adoption proceedings. The judges have full discretion in allowing or denying the press and public to use electronic devices to capture the proceedings. The judges shall ensure the consent of the parties. This order permitting electronic coverage does not authorize public access to the documents and records of the proceeding.

Transmission and Use of Content. Media may use still photography, video, and audio for news purposes and families may use an electronic device to capture and preserve the event.

Equipment. The equipment used to capture the proceedings must not be intrusive of the judicial process and must be operated from areas specifically designated by the court.

Decorum. Media personnel are to be non-intrusive to the judicial process. Personnel may enter and leave at the discretion of the judge. Courtroom proceedings shall not be disrupted or interrupted. Appropriate attire is required.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 6/15/2016.



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana