

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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RICHARD M. BERMAN
United States District Judge

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Media and Public Access to Proceedings

It is the Court's practice (consistent with security and space limitations) to ensure wide access to court proceedings and to ensure fair treatment of all individuals who demonstrate a need for press credentials. To this end, the Court makes extensive use of "overflow" rooms so that everyone has an opportunity to view proceedings.

With respect to press credentials, the Court relies upon the New York City Police Department's rules regarding press credentials which become effective on August 19, 2010. Specifically, persons who have either an NYPD Press Card or an NYPD Reserve Press Card will also be given an SDNY press pass for a court proceeding if they request such a pass from the SDNY District Executive's Office sufficiently in advance (two weeks) of the court proceeding.

Individuals who demonstrate that they cannot obtain NYPD Press Cards or NYPD Reserve Press Cards may nevertheless obtain an SDNY press pass for a particular court proceeding if they demonstrate they are members of the press and if they pre-register sufficiently in advance (two weeks) with the SDNY District Executive's Office. Such pre-registration includes: 1- completing an application which includes personal identifying information and photo ID, 2- supplying the name of the news organization that employs or retains them, if any, and a letter from such organization attesting to such employment, and 3- supplying 6 of the individual's most recent news publications published within the past 24 months.

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