



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**SUPERIOR COURT  
CIVIL ACTION  
NO. 2483CV00692**

**PAUL O'KEEFE<sup>1</sup> & others<sup>2</sup>**

**v.**

**C & C HOSPITALITY, LLC d/b/a C. F. MCCARTHY'S & others<sup>3</sup>**

**ORDER ON MEDIA  
PROTOCOL AND COVERAGE**

Plymouth County Superior Court, Main Courtroom, or other courtroom as may be utilized for any proceeding in this case, will remain an open courtroom, pursuant to the constitutional rights of the parties and the public to open trials in the Commonwealth. In an effort to ensure the integrity of any of the proceedings in this civil action, and to promote the safety and security of all parties, their representatives and all courthouse personnel and attending members of the public, the court issues the following Order pursuant to the authority of Supreme Judicial Court Rule 1:19:

1. Media representatives, reporters, journalists, and anyone else claiming status as a journalist under Rule 1:19 shall be required to sign in at the courthouse each day in a manner determined by the Clerk of court, and to show proof of registration with the Supreme Judicial Court Public Information Office. There shall be a designated seating area for media in the courtroom. Anyone leaving the courtroom during any proceeding may lose their seat and may not be permitted re-entry unless there is available seating.

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<sup>1</sup> Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of John Joseph O'Keefe, III

<sup>2</sup> John O'Keefe, III, Margaret O'Keefe and Margaret O'Keefe as Grandparent/Guardian of Kayley Furbush

<sup>3</sup> G&S Hospitality, LLC d/b/a C.F. McCarthy's, Waterfall Bar & Grill, LTD d/b/a Waterfall Bar & Grill, and Karen Read

2. Filming, streaming, photographing, recording, transmitting or broadcasting of any court proceedings shall occur only through pool arrangements in accordance with Rule 1:19.

The court shall permit one stationary mechanically silent television broadcast or streaming camera and one still photography camera during each court proceeding. Pool cameras and camera operators shall be in place prior to the start of the session and equipment shall not be dismantled while the court is in session. The camera operator and other members of the media pool shall not interrupt court proceedings.

3. Filming, streaming, photographing, recording, transmitting or broadcasting of any kind shall not take place until the court is called into session (when the judge enters the courtroom and takes the bench) and shall immediately cease (be shut off or deactivated) during court recesses and upon adjournment each day.

4. Except as permitted in Nos. 1 and 2 above, no person is permitted to film, photograph, record, and stream, transmit or broadcast court proceedings at any time through photographic or electronic recording devices (including still or video cameras, cell phones, smart phones, tablets, laptops, audio recording or transmitting devices, or any other electronic device with audio/visual communication capabilities). Except as permitted in Nos. 1 and 2, no person is permitted to use any electronic device with communication capabilities to submit updates to social media during any of the court proceedings.

5. In accordance with Rule 1:19, no person is permitted to record, transmit or broadcast side bar conferences between the judge and counsel, conferences between counsel, and conferences between counsel and their client(s) at any time. The pool camera operator shall pause or disengage the audio component of the pool cameras during side bar conferences. All microphones shall be shut off during side bar conferences (note that side

bar conferences will still be recorded as part of the court proceedings). The pool camera operator shall not manipulate the camera's zoom and focus to reveal, accidentally or otherwise, documents of attorneys, the clerk of the court, or the judge.

6. Media requests for inspection or copies of exhibits shall be made on a form or in a manner prescribed by the clerk of court. The clerk's office shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate such requests in a timely manner, subject to court operations. Original exhibits shall remain in the custody or under the control of the clerk at all times.
7. In accordance with Rule 1:19(2)(b), the court prohibits the filming or photographing of any juror or prospective juror at any time, including during court proceedings and any court-conducted view. No person shall contact, follow, interview, or communicate in any way with a juror prior to the discharge of the jury or otherwise harass or tamper with a juror.
8. The court otherwise defers issuing any further specific Orders relative to jury empanelment and trial procedures until such time as a final trial conference is held.
9. All persons subject to this Order, including all media representatives, reporters and journalists are prohibited from interviewing or attempting to interview any person in the courtroom or courthouse. No person shall interview with intent to relay, transmit, or distribute publicly the contents of that interview, any other person in the courtroom or courthouse. The court prohibits any person from taking photographs, filming, recording, or broadcasting events occurring outside the courtroom in other areas of the courthouse.
10. Court officers or court personnel are authorized by this Order to secure any area which they deem necessary or appropriate to ensure the proper operation of court proceedings and the well-being of any person(s) present.

11. A violation of any of the provisions of this Order may constitute contempt of court. Court officers may eject or exclude entry to any person believed to have violated any provision of this Order.

SO ORDERED,

/s/ Daniel J. O'Shea  
Hon. Daniel J. O'Shea  
Associate Justice of the Superior Court

Dated: September 19, 2025