

**SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES
JUDICIAL AND BAR COUNCIL
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**REVISED GUIDELINES ON LIVE MEDIA
COVERAGE OF JBC PUBLIC INTERVIEWS
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INTRODUCTION

During the En Banc Meeting held on 18 June 2012 at the Supreme Court En Banc Conference Room, the Members of the Judicial and Bar Council approved the deletion of the second and third paragraphs of Section 5 of JBC Rule-10.

With the new policy allowing live media coverage of JBC public interviews, these guidelines [will be] WERE first implemented during the public interviews of candidates vying for the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

The guidelines were revised during the JBC's En Banc meeting held on 09 August 2018;

REVISED GUIDELINES ON LIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF JBC PUBLIC INTERVIEWS

To promote transparency and accountability in its processes, the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) hereby adopts the following guidelines on live media coverage during public interviews of candidates applying for judicial positions in appellate courts, Ombudsman, Deputy Ombudsmen, Special Prosecutor, and Chairperson and Members of the Legal Education Board.

SECTION 1. COORDINATION OF POOLED COVERAGE

- 1.1. In view of limited space and the number of media entities covering the Supreme Court, the live coverage of the public interviews of the JBC shall be through a pooled coverage.
- 1.2. The Supreme Court Public Information Office (PIO) will be responsible for coordination of the pooled coverage.
- 1.3. The PIO shall, from notice of the public interviews by the JBC, seasonably provide an advisory to media entities covering the Supreme Court, through the presidents of the Justice and Court Reporters Association (JUCRA) and the Justice Reporters Organization (JUROR), informing them of the details and mechanics of the pooled coverage. Media entities who wish to be part of the pooled coverage shall notify the PIO of this intent before the public interview.
- 1.4. Aside from the PIO cameras which shall document the proceedings for the JBC, there shall only be one other network ("lead network") allowed to cover the proceedings from inside the venue. For this purpose, the priority as lead network shall be given to the government network, PTV4. All other entities shall hook up to the live video and audio feed of PTV4. Broadcast networks using the pooled

video shall expressly acknowledge that it is pooled video from PTV4 and shall prominently acknowledge this on the video as broadcast. In the event that PTV4 is unable to carry out the coverage, the selection of the lead network shall be done by lottery. Should there be no network willing or able to be lead network, the live coverage of the proceedings shall be done by the PIO only through livestream.

- 1.5. The PIO shall coordinate with the appropriate government agencies to carry out the pooled coverage. It shall also provide implementing guidelines for media entities to follow during JBC public interviews.
- 1.6. No annotation or commentary shall be provided during the entire live coverage of the proceedings. For purposes of newscasts and live reports from the venue, it is understood that media entities may show excerpts from the pooled video footage for this purpose with a clear indication that it is not live footage.

SECTION 2. DESIGNATED AREAS FOR MEDIA PERSONNEL

- 2.1. A media working area shall be provided outside the venue with a television monitor carrying the proceedings live through the PIO cameras. It is understood that the footage from the monitor shall not be carried live by the media covering the proceedings.
- 2.2. Only those who are designated by the lead network to cover the proceedings live shall be allowed inside the venue. They shall be prominently identified through their media identification cards and/or through any other means of identification that the PIO may design, for this purpose.
- 2.3. Media representatives are requested to stay at their designated areas during the official proceedings. An interview area shall be designated by the PIO where nominees who agree may be interviewed. The PIO shall ensure that the interview shall not disrupt the proceedings inside the interview room.

SECTION 3. PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERA MEN

- 3.1. As soon as the proceedings are called to order, photographers and videographers except PIO in-house photographers and videographers and the designated lead network personnel, will be asked to leave the room.
- 3.2. Only cameras without flash are allowed during the proceedings.
- 3.3. The media will be provided with the PIO photographs and footages upon request.

SECTION 4. LIVESTREAMING AND TWEETCAST

- 4.1. The PIO shall livestream the entire proceedings through the Supreme Court youtube channel. The link to the livestream shall be provided to the media and to the public.
- 4.2. The PIO may also, should the opportunity present itself, tweetcast the proceedings through the PIO's official twitter account.
- 4.3. Any member of the media and the public may be asked to leave the Division Hearing Room at any time for inappropriate behaviour or conduct.

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