



Republic of the Philippines  
**Judicial and Bar Council**  
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**GUIDELINES ON  
LIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF  
JBC PUBLIC INTERVIEWS**

## **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 first implemented during the public interviews of candidates vying for the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

## **GUIDELINES FOR LIVE MEDIA COVERAGE DURING 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. ACCREDITATION OF MEDIA PERSONNEL**

- 1.1. Media accreditation for the JBC media coverage is mandatory. All media persons, representatives of other media agencies, and crew members of TV/radio reporters are required to apply for accreditation.
- 1.2. The Supreme Court Public Information Office (PIO) will be responsible for media accreditation.
- 1.3. An applicant for accreditation must submit the duly accomplished accreditation form with 2 pieces of 1x1 photo, proper credentials and the letter of assignment from his/her media organization editor/network manager.
- 1.4. Filing of application for accreditation may be done a week before the start of the scheduled interviews until the close of office hours of the day prior to the start of the interviews.
- 1.5. A “no media ID, no entry policy” shall be strictly enforced. Only reporters wearing their company issued media IDs will be allowed inside the premises of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Division Hearing Room where the interviews will be conducted.
- 1.6. Upon entry at the Supreme Court main entrance gate along Padre Faura St., Ermita Manila, the Supreme Court Security shall direct the media to the Media Entry Check Desk at the Supreme Court Lobby for registration.
- 1.7. The media personnel shall surrender to the Security Office a valid ID other than the media ID. The media ID shall be worn visibly at all times during the coverage.

## **SECTION 2. DESIGNATED AREAS FOR MEDIA PERSONNEL**

- 2.1 The last row of seats inside the Division Hearing Room shall be reserved to media reporters on a “first-come, first-served” basis, but only one (1) reporter per media entity can enter the Division Hearing Room.
- 2.2. A projector showing live coverage shall also be placed outside the Division Hearing Room for the rest of the public and the media who may not be accommodated inside. This place shall be called as the Viewing Area.
- 2.3. For a clear recording of the proceedings, the first three (3) front rows in the Viewing Area shall be reserved for the media. Seating shall be on a “first-come, first-served” basis.
- 2.4. Media representatives are requested to stay at their designated areas during the official proceedings.
- 2.5. In view of inadequate space, seat stubs shall be issued by the JBC Secretariat to the public.

## **SECTION 3. PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERA MEN**

- 3.1 To decongest the Division Hearing Room, press photographers and videographers will be given a photo and video opportunity before the start of each morning or afternoon session. After which, only PIO in-house photographers and videographers will be allowed to cover the proceedings for documentation purposes.
- 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.
- 3.4. Due to limited space in the Division Hearing Room and the numerous requests for live coverage, only the PIO will be allowed inside the Division Hearing Room. All media networks should coordinate with PIO so it can provide audio-video live feed to all other networks.

## **SECTION 4. OTHER CONCERNS**

- 4.1. Due to the expected big number of media who will cover the event, print reporters are advised to bring their laptops/notebooks if they intend to file stories and dispatch at the PIO.
- 4.2. Media representatives are advised to put their cellular phones, beepers, radios, and other communications equipment on silent mode so as not to disrupt the proceedings.
- 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.

## **SECTION 5. CONTACT PERSONS FOR ACCREDITATION**

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