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There may be media coverage of this trial.

It is a principal of our law that trials should be open for the public to attend and for media representatives to report. Of course, there are a few exceptions.

You may have heard that some trials may now be televised or broadcast. The Courts have strict rules about media coverage.¹ In this case, I am allowing media coverage in the courtroom, subject to those rules. You may notice video cameras in and around the courthouse. Still photographs may also be taken during the trial for use by printed media. I do not want the journalists or their equipment to concern you.

Media coverage of jurors is expressly prohibited at any portion of the proceeding, including that portion in which a jury is selected. No one is permitted to take pictures of you.

Therefore, you should not be concerned whether this trial, or a portion of it, will be covered by the media.

1. See, General Rules of Practice for the Superior and District Courts, Rule 15.