



26, 2024. As previously ordered, neither this juror nor any other juror is to be identified as a consequence of their participation in this inquiry. Given the limited nature of the proceeding on January 26, 2024, there will be no camera coverage of the event. Members of the public, as well as members of the press, are free to attend provided that no cellphones, laptops or similar devices will be allowed in the courtroom.

### **POOL TELEVISION**

The January 3 Order appointed CourtTV to serve as the pool television operator. The January 3 Order provided, and this order reiterates, that CourtTV may not claim nor assert any copyright interest in the images and audio contained in its “mixed or switched feed” transmitted to pool participants.

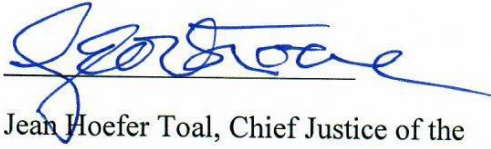
The Court has been contacted by a television network seeking a revision of the January 3 Order to preclude CourtTV from asserting a copyright interest any audio or video obtained by it but not included in the “mixed or switched feed” to pool members.

Rule 605, SCACR, the South Carolina “cameras in courts” rule, provides specifically that “[t]he presiding judge may not be called upon to mediate or resolve any dispute as to...pooling arrangements.” In service to that provision the Court appointed Jay Bender as the liaison between the press and the Court to address and resolve such issues.

Mr. Bender has advised the Court that at the trial of the underlying case, and for this proceeding, he has suggested to networks that a cost-sharing arrangement be reached between CourtTV and those entities wishing unfettered access to the audio and video recorded by CourtTV. It seems that no such cost-sharing agreement has been reached, but this Court endorses that approach, and has directed Mr. Bender to remain available to discuss such arrangements with

CourtTV and those entities wishing access to more than the feed distributed by CourtTV to pool recipients.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Hofer Toal", written over a horizontal line.

Jean Hofer Toal, Chief Justice of the  
South Carolina Supreme Court, Retired,  
Acting as Circuit Court Judge

This 24th day of January, 2024  
Columbia, South Carolina