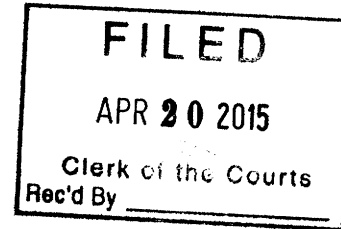


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April 15, 2015

James Hivner, Clerk
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RE: No. ADMIN2015-00451

Dear Mr. Hivner:

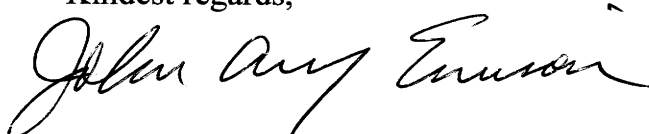
As a public citizen and investigative author, I submit the following comments on the proposed change to Rule 30.

The present definition of “coverage” is rationally based in that it includes the various types of equipment that can be distractive to court participants, or may even appear to interfere with a neutral setting.

There is no rational basis to change this definition to include posting messages to social media, text messaging, etc., with a smart phone (“electronic device”) or similar product. Typing a message on a smart phone, Blackberry, iPad or similar device is no more or less discrete than writing notes on a paper tablet. The real reason for change is to isolate court proceedings from real-time reporting to the outside world. Before the Court adopts this change it should explain to the public why it believes this is important, and to provide examples of how such reporting has damaged the cause of justice in the past. I don’t believe it has, and I don’t believe the Court has any basis other than convenience and the desire to operate in as much anonymity as possible. Furthermore, I do not believe the proposed change comports to the constitutional mandate of openness in Article I, Sec. 17.

I urge the Court not to adopt the proposed changes to Rule 30, and if you do you should submit Rule 30 to the General Assembly for ratification.

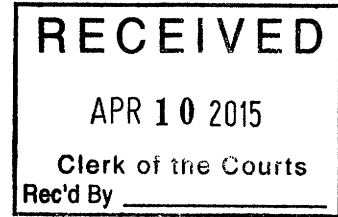
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Rule 8, RPC 7.4(d)
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The rules are far too restrictive on reporters. Reporters should not be required to get permission from a judge for cell phones and computers. These are the modern day pen and pad and they should only be excluded when the press is excluded. Ben Cunningham

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