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Approved by: Chief Justice Jeffrey S. Bivins and Director Michelle J. Long

Subject: Live Streaming Policy

I. **Authority:** Tenn. Const. art. VI § 1; Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 16-3-502, 16-3-803; and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 54.

II. **Definitions:**

Live streaming: The broadcasting of immediate, unedited video and/or audio content over the internet in real-time, allowing viewers to watch simultaneously.

III. **Purpose:** The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) provides live streaming services to enhance public access to the courts while ensuring responsible and efficient use of technical and staffing resources.

IV. **Application:** Adherence to this policy shall be managed by the AOC Communications Director.

V. **Policy:** Live streaming exists to broadcast oral arguments in the Tennessee Supreme Court, Tennessee Court of Appeals, and Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals in each of the three grand divisions.

Except for Three-Judge Panel proceedings managed by the Three-Judge Panel staff, the AOC does not live stream proceedings in state trial, county, or municipal courts to ensure the availability of livestreaming equipment and necessary technical and staff resources for the appellate court live streams. For Three-Judge Panel proceedings conducted remotely using internet video conferencing technology, participants will be limited to the Three-Judge Panel, court staff, counsel, and parties. If the Three-Judge Panel proceeding is not accessible at a physical location, its livestream will be available on @TNCourts 2 on YouTube.

Special requests for live streaming must be submitted to the AOC Communications Director at MediaInquiries@tncourts.gov not less than 30 business days before the proceeding commences. Special requests submitted within 30 business days will not be considered absent extraordinary circumstances. Special requests will be approved or denied depending on available resources at the time of submission. The AOC will not edit live stream recordings, and all live stream recordings will be publicly available.

If a scheduling conflict arises, priority will be given to the appellate courts. Approval of a prior special request does not guarantee approval of future requests, including requests made for the same case or matter.

- VI. Procedures:** All communications concerning this policy or special requests for live streaming must be submitted to the Communications Director at MediaInquiries@tncourts.gov.