

THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 79-1
(Court Administration)

IN RE: DESIGNATED LOCATIONS
OF MICROPHONES IN THE
METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
JUSTICE BUILDING

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 79-22

PURSUANT TO the Order of April 12, 1979, of the Supreme Court of Florida, entered in Case No. 46,835, the Chief Judge of each Circuit Court in the State of Florida is charged with the responsibility of designating locations for television camera equipment, microphones, and still camera equipment in each court facility within such Circuit. To accomplish this end, the Chief Judge of this Circuit and a committee of Judges met with representatives of the several television and radio stations which expressed an interest in broadcasting, televising or tape recording, from time to time, judicial proceedings in this Circuit.

As a result of such meetings, representatives of such television and radio stations expressed their preferences with regard to location on microphones within the facilities of the Metropolitan Dade County Justice Building, site of misdemeanor and felony trials in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. The Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit has reviewed the preferences expressed by the various television and radio stations and consulted with the Judges of the Criminal Divisions of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in and for Dade County, with regard to such references. Based upon such review and such consultations, it is

ORDERED as follows:

1. All media microphones placed in court facilities shall be positioned as follows:
 - a. One microphone may be placed in the vicinity of the witness stand in each such court facility or courtroom;
 - b. One microphone may be placed on the desk utilized by the Clerk of the Court when a Clerk is in attendance at each such courtroom or judicial facility; and
 - c. One microphone may be placed on the Judge's bench.
2. The above media microphones are in addition to those presently in use by the Court.

3. The microphone designations herein specified may be varied by the presiding judge on verbal application of media representatives, but only with the approval of the presiding judge.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Dade County, Florida, this 25th day of April, 1979.

EDWARD D. COWART, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA