

Notice to the Media Regarding Press Seating at the
Same Sex Marriage Cases - May 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
Omaha, Nebraska

The clerk's office has received a number of calls concerning press seating for the oral arguments in the same sex marriage cases which will be held in the Special Proceedings Courtroom at the Roman L. Hruska Federal Courthouse in Omaha, Nebraska on May 12, 2015. Seating in the Special Proceedings Courtroom is limited, and the court may not be able to provide seating in the Special Proceeding Courtroom for all of the parties to the cases, as well as the lawyers, court staff, press and public who wish to attend. The court is arranging for video presentation in at least one other courtroom in the courthouse and may arrange for video in additional courtrooms, depending on the interest in attending the arguments.

If you are employed by a news organization and plan to attend the oral argument, please send an email to the following address by April 28, 2015 ca08ml_cmcfcf_Notify@ca8.uscourts.gov . Please include your name, the news organization you represent and the number of people your organization will be sending to attend the oral arguments. Please include an email address in your response so that the court can contact you and confirm your seating arrangements.

In deciding whether to attend the argument, please keep in mind that the court does create a digital audio recording of all oral arguments, and the digital versions of the arguments in these cases will be available, free of charge, from the court's website shortly after the arguments are completed. The court does not place any restrictions on the use of this digital audio recording. No video recording will be created.

You may use electronic devices, such as phones, iPads and laptops, to make notes during the proceedings. Telephone ring tones and other functional sounds produced by these devices must be silenced during the oral arguments. The presiding judge of the panel may prohibit or restrict use of devices prior to or during the proceedings to avoid disrupting the orderly conduct of the proceedings.

The court does not permit anyone attending the argument to make audio or video recordings and does not permit anyone to transmit video or audio from the courtrooms. Violation of this policy may result in removal from the proceedings. No photography is permitted in the Hruska Courthouse. All visitors to the Courthouse must pass through a magnetometer prior to entry.

A list of hotels in the vicinity of the Roman Hruska Courthouse is available from our website under the radio button "Court Calendar."

Any questions should be addressed to Michael Gans, Clerk of Court at 314-244-2400.