

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California



January 6, 2010

Cameras in the Courtroom

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

On December 17, 2009, the [Ninth Circuit](#) Judicial Council approved the [experimental use of cameras in district court](#). The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California was [granted the request](#) to pilot this public access program by providing audio & video of the trial of case 3:09-cv-02292, Perry et. al. v. Schwarzenegger et. al. (the challenge to "Proposition 8"). A hearing will be held before Chief Judge Vaughn R Walker on January 6, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at which time, Judge Walker will address issues related to recording/broadcasting of the trial which begins on January 11, 2010.

During the January 6th hearing, three (3) court-provided cameras will be focused on views of the judge, witness and the counsel lectern. These views will be merged into a single multi-camera view, with associated audio from the courtroom's integrated sound and evidence presentation system. The cameras will be stationary and will not switch views, unless ordered by the court.

If so ordered, after the conclusion of the hearing, the video recording may be made available in streaming media format through the court's web site at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>.

Other than the cameras provided by the court for the purposes of this pilot experiment, no cameras, recording devices, or broadcasting equipment will be allowed in the courtroom.

Because this is an experimental effort, the court cannot guarantee the reliability, accuracy or availability of the audio/video presentation. The court shall reserve the right to terminate any part of the audio, or video, or both, for any duration, or to terminate the complete experiment at any time.

For more information, and to access the video recordings when they become available, please visit our court website at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>.