

The court orders as per Magistrates 'commission guidelines are as follows :

1. In making a decision, the starting point must be to allow the photographing and recording of proceedings in the least restrictive manner.

2. Representatives of the media shall be entitled to take still photographs and/or video footage during court proceedings, in the following circumstances, unless the court otherwise directs:
 - i. Court activities for fifteen minutes before the commencement of proceedings each day;
 - ii. During any adjournment of proceedings or at the end of proceedings;
 - iii. No Live video feed will be allowed.
 - iv. No photographs or recordings will be made outside the courtroom in the corridors or common space shared by the commercial crimes court with other courts on the same floor out of respect for members of the public who will be frequenting these courts for various reasons. This includes especially the sexual offences court where minors are complainants and are accompanied by their parents or members of their family. Their privacy in this regard needs to be respected and the identity of the children protected.

- v. A complete list of persons who will be attending court on the days that the matter is adjourned is required from the following parties namely :
- The accused who may be accompanied by a family member\’s or friends,
 - The prosecution team,
 - The investigating team,
 - Members of the media.
 - The list must be submitted at least 5 days before the court appearances to the Court manager Mr S Mchunu at the following email address : SiMchunu@justice.gov.za.
- vi. A court room will be made available by the court manager for members of the media to occupy.
- vii. In keeping with Corvid 19 restrictions there will be a maximum of 6 members of the media allowed into court provided that all safety protocols are complied with including social distancing as well as the capacity of the court to hold persons for indoor gatherings under the said Corvid restrictions.
- viii. These orders are to be in place only for purposes of pre -trial proceedings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Soomaroo', written in a cursive style.

Regional Magistrate

Ms D M Soomaroo

Durban Magistrates' Court