

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

SPECIAL ORDER

**REGISTRATION OF MEDIA PERSONNEL DESIRING PRIVILEGES AND
ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE PEORIA COURTHOUSE OF THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS FOR PRETRIAL AND
TRIAL IN THE CASE OF *U.S. V. AL-MARRI, 09-10030***

FOR THE PURPOSES OF protecting the freedom of the press and according appropriate privileges to the media to accommodate the unique needs of media personnel desiring to attend courtroom proceedings in cases of special interest to the media and the general public; and

FOR THE FURTHER PURPOSES OF protecting the rights of the general public to attend Courthouse proceedings that are open to the public;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of Court may provide privileges and accommodations to media personnel, including but not limited to reserved courtroom seating, and periodic updates regarding developments in the case. Such privilege and accommodation may be limited by space available and other limitations and restrictions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in exchange for these special accommodations, the Clerk of Court may require advanced registration of all media personnel desiring privileges and accommodations; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as part of the registration process, the Clerk of Court may require proof of identification for media personnel desiring privileges and accommodations, and may require that such media personnel abide by the Orders, Guidelines, and Local Rules of the Court while in the Courthouse.

ENTERED:

FOR THE COURT

s/ Michael P. McCuskey
Chief Judge

Dated at Peoria, Illinois this 19th day of March, 2009.