

The Philadelphia Courts

First Judicial District of Pennsylvania

Media Advisory

November 2nd, 2020

2020 General Election, Election Court

[See President Judge Administrative Order No. 62 of 2020](#)

Philadelphia, PA

I. Election Court:

The Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice, Courtrooms 304 and 305, will be the central location for Election Court matters for the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020.

Consistent with existing protocol, cameras or recording devices are not permitted in the courthouse.

Court will convene at 7:00 AM and will remain open continuously until 10:00 PM.

Members of the public and the press will be able to attend election matter hearings in-person, but will be required to wear appropriate face masks or facial coverings, must follow social distancing guidelines, and must comply with directives from the Court or Court Staff.

Any and all media interviews involving video or a recording device, must be conducted outside of the Stout Center building.

II. Appeals from Board of Election Decisions on Challenges to Absentee and Mail-In Ballots. Post-Election Matters:

All appeals from the decisions of the Board of Elections on challenges to absentee and mail-in ballots, and other matters, shall be scheduled the next business day after filing, and heard at the Philadelphia Municipal Court Traffic Building at 8th and Spring Garden Streets in Philadelphia in-person (unless otherwise specified), by a Common Pleas Court Judge.

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As above, the public and press will be permitted to attend election matter hearings in-person. Attendees must wear a mask or facial covering, must follow social distancing guidelines, and must comply with directives from the Court or Court Staff.

It is unlawful and a criminal offense to record, transmit or broadcast video, audio or photograph of any judicial proceeding and violators may be found to be in contempt of court and may be criminally charged with a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of up to two years for a first offense. See Pa.R.J.A. 1910, Pa.R.Crim.P. 112 and 18 Pa.C.S. § 5103.1.