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v.

YOUNG LEE, AS VICTIM'S  
REPRESENTATIVE, ET AL.

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IN THE

SUPREME COURT

OF MARYLAND

No. 7, SEPTEMBER TERM, 2023

**SECURITY/MEDIA PROTOCOL ORDER**

Oral Argument<sup>1</sup> in the above-captioned appeal is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The following order is designed to preserve the security and decorum of the Court, as well as to accommodate the interests of the public and the media to the greatest extent possible while causing minimal disruption to the operation of the Robert C. Murphy Courts of Appeal Building and in the surrounding community.

Accordingly, it is this 27th day of September 2023,

ORDERED, by the Supreme Court of Maryland, that:

1. Oral argument in this case will be held in the Supreme Court Courtroom on the Fourth Floor of the Robert C. Murphy Courts of Appeal Building, 361 Rowe

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<sup>1</sup> Oral argument is a time-limited opportunity for attorneys for the parties to orally explain the arguments advanced in their written briefs, and to respond to questions from the Court about those arguments. Ordinarily, oral argument is limited to 30 minutes for each side in the Supreme Court of Maryland. Md. Rule 8-522(a). No witness testimony will be presented at oral argument, and the Supreme Court's decision in this case will not be announced that day in court. Instead, the Court's decision will be contained in a written opinion which will be filed at a later date.

Boulevard, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. The oral argument in this case will be live-streamed on the Supreme Court of Maryland's webpage, which may be viewed and heard on any device with internet access. (<https://www.mdcourts.gov/coappeals/webcasts>)

2. Bradley Tanner, Public Information Officer, Office of Government Relations and Public Affairs, Maryland Judiciary, is designated as the Court's media liaison for purposes of this Order. Mr. Tanner can be reached at (410) 218-7418 or [bradley.tanner@mdcourts.gov](mailto:bradley.tanner@mdcourts.gov). Terri Charles, Assistant Public Information Officer, can be reached at (410) 703-3123 or [terri.charles@mdcourts.gov](mailto:terri.charles@mdcourts.gov). All media inquiries must be directed to the media liaison through Mr. Tanner or Ms. Charles using the contact information above.
3. Sean Wolcuff, Chief of Security, Office of Security Administration, Maryland Judiciary, is responsible for maintaining security in and around the Courts of Appeal Building and coordinating security with local law enforcement personnel. All persons within the Courts of Appeal Building must comply with the instructions of the Chief of Security, Officers of the Office of Security Administration, and other law enforcement personnel in and on the grounds of the Courts of Appeal Building.
4. Under current protocols, all persons entering the Courts of Appeal Building will be subject to screening of their person and belongings at the entrance of the Courts of Appeal Building. The only bags allowed will be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC tote bags no larger than 12" x 6" x 12" and/or small clutch bags (4.5" x

- 6.5”). Small clutch bags do NOT have to be clear. With the exception of the attorneys for the parties, no other bags of any type will be allowed, including backpacks and briefcases. Guests who attempt to bring prohibited bags into the Courts of Appeal Building will be asked to return prohibited bags to their vehicles.
5. The recording and/or transmission of the audio or video of the proceedings by any electronic device, including a mobile phone, is prohibited. All electronic devices, including cameras, cell phones, radios, laptops, and tablets, and any recording devices must be turned off inside the Courtroom. No cell phones may be used in the public areas on the fourth floor of the Courts of Appeal Building while proceedings are being conducted. Security personnel may inspect any electronic device or recording device for misuse, and, if necessary, confiscate the device if it appears to be in use, or to have been used, in violation of this Order. Security and other court personnel are not liable for any damage to or loss of electronic or recording devices confiscated pursuant to this Order.
  6. Seating in the Supreme Court Courtroom is limited to 95 persons, exclusive of the Justices and Court personnel.
    - a. Several seats will be set aside for the parties in this appeal and for members of the media.
    - b. Of the seats set aside for media, each media outlet will be allotted no more than one seat, which will be allocated in advance on a first-come/first-served basis. Members of the media may indicate their desire for a seat

by emailing the Office of Government Relations and Public Affairs at [communications@mdcourts.gov](mailto:communications@mdcourts.gov). The Office of Government Relations and Public Affairs will allocate seats based on the order in which the requests are received and will communicate to the Chief of Security the names of media members allotted seats reserved for media outlets.

7. The remaining seats will be made available to members of the public on a first-come/first-served basis on the morning of argument. The Chief of Security will establish procedures to govern orderly ingress and egress into both the Courts of Appeal Building and the Courtroom.
8. The Clerk of the Supreme Court of Maryland will open the doors of the Courtroom at 9:45 a.m. Once available seating is filled, no other persons will be permitted in the Courtroom unless they have been allocated a seat reserved for the parties or members of the media. Additionally, anyone, aside from the Court staff, who leaves the Courtroom during the proceedings will not be readmitted.
9. No person shall disturb, disrupt, or in any way interfere with the Court proceedings, whether inside or outside of the Courtroom. Any person disrupting the proceedings will be removed from the Courtroom and the Courts of Appeal Building by law enforcement personnel.
10. No food or drink is permitted in any courtroom. Smoking is not allowed anywhere in the Courts of Appeal Building.

11. No media conferences, broadcasts, or interviews may be conducted in the Courts of Appeal Building. Interviews or broadcasting outside of the Courts of Appeals Building shall take place in areas designated by the Chief of Security. Neither members of the media nor other persons may impede foot traffic on the sidewalks in front of the Courts of Appeal Building or obstruct access to the Courts of Appeal Building.
12. Maryland Judiciary staff, including members of the Supreme Court of Maryland, shall not be photographed or interviewed regarding this case.
13. Parking restrictions will be strictly enforced. Public parking will be available at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (Gate 7 on Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401). The Chief of Security will designate a limited area for media broadcast trucks to park on a first-come/first-served basis.
14. Security and law enforcement personnel are authorized to enforce compliance with this Order and are empowered to remove any person who fails to comply with its terms. Violations of this Order will subject any violator to: exclusion from the Courthouse; the contempt powers of the Court, if appropriate; and, for members of the media, a revocation of all media privileges.
15. The Supreme Court of Maryland live-streams its oral arguments on its webpage and anyone in the Courtroom may be visible on the live-stream or the recorded video.
16. The live-stream and the archived recordings of webcasts are made available to the general public for informational purposes only and do not constitute an

official record of court proceedings. The live-stream can be found at: <https://www.mdcourts.gov/coappeals/webcasts>. The archived recording of the oral argument will be posted on the Supreme Court of Maryland's webpage by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023. The recording can be found at: <https://www.mdcourts.gov/coappeals/webcasts/webcastarchive>.

17. Recording or copying of any portion of the live webcast or the archived recording of a webcast is prohibited without the express permission of the Supreme Court of Maryland, which can be requested by emailing Government Relations and Public Affairs at [communications@mdcourts.gov](mailto:communications@mdcourts.gov).
18. Copies of the recorded audio of the proceedings are available from the Clerk upon request and payment of a \$10.00 fee.
19. This Order is subject to modification by the Court at any time.

                        /S/ Shirley M. Watts                          
Senior Justice