

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
CENTRAL DIVISION**

**STANDING ORDER RE: USE OF COURTROOMS  
FOR TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND OTHER PURPOSES**

**SAYLOR, J.  
HILLMAN, M.J.**

The federal courthouse in Worcester is a public building that belongs to the community and, more broadly, to the people of the United States. With rare exceptions, members of the public are free to attend court proceedings or obtain public records of those proceedings. In addition, access to the courthouse should be generally available for training, educational, and charitable purposes, and to accommodate the legitimate needs of lawyers, litigants, and others who use or may be affected by the court system.

Accordingly, the Court will generally permit the following types of activities, among others, to take place in the public areas of the Worcester courthouse, including the courtrooms:

law school or law firm training programs, including mock trials;

educational tours and programs for school groups; and

visits by lawyers, prospective witnesses, and litigants to familiarize themselves with the courtroom or the courtroom equipment.

Such access must, of course, be consistent with the requirements of the Court, including its security requirements, and must not interfere with the Court's regular business. Users of the Court for private purposes should bear in mind that they cannot exclude other members of public, and thus the use of courtrooms may not be suitable for matters involving possible disclosure of privileged or work-product materials. Persons who wish to use the courtroom or visit the building outside normal Court hours must first obtain permission by applying to the

clerk's office. Use may be conditioned on payment of certain expenses (such as overtime for security officers) or such other reasonable conditions as the Court may impose.

**So Ordered.**

/s/ F. Dennis Saylor  
F. Dennis Saylor IV  
United States District Judge

/s/ Timothy S. Hillman  
Timothy S. Hillman  
United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: January 9, 2009