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Dear Attorney Del Ciampo,

I am writing to you in response to your request for comments on the proposed changes to the rules addressing the complete prohibition of camera coverage of trials or proceedings involving charges of sexual assault in criminal matters.

The Division of Criminal Justice is concerned with the consent requirement contained in the proposed new rule. The proposed new rule does not define "victim's family". What does a court do when some family members are in favor of coverage to raise awareness of sexual assault but the other family members are objecting? In our experience, families of homicide victims do not speak with one voice, this rule appears to presume that they do.

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to participate in this process.

Sincerely,

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