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PANTHER TRIAL RULE IS UPHELD IN APPEAL

The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit upheld yesterday a series of special courtroom rules imposed for the trial of eight Black Panthers accused of murder and kidnapping in New Haven.

The rules, which have been in effect since pre-trial hearings began last November, prohibit cameras, sound equipment, sketching and demonstrations and around the Superior Courthouse in New Haven and forbid lawyers and other court personnel from giving "interviews for publicity" and from making "extra judicial statements."

The three-judge Appeals Court, in a six-page unanimous decision written by Judge Henry J. Friendly, said the defendants would have "ample remedy" through the appeal process if the rules violated any of their rights in the course of the trial.