

Judge McCarty Warns Against Court Disruption

Presiding Judge Francis McCarty of the San Francisco Superior Courts issued a warning yesterday that the authorities will deal swiftly and firmly with persons disrupting court hearings.

His statement was released a day after a pre-trial hearing for the surviving "Soleadad Brothers" erupted into a melee when spectators battled police trying to eject the mother of one of the defendants.

Judge McCarty said: "Let it be known that our judges will tolerate no interference whatsoever with the orderly processes of the courts; intimidation will be met, controlled and ended.

"This admonition applies to spectators, witnesses, litigants, defendants and attorneys.

"Persons who engage in any conduct whatsoever tending to interfere with court procedures will be forthwith removed from the courtroom. Furthermore, if circumstances justify and require it, they will be prosecuted for such violations of the law as may occur.

"Attorneys who persist in disrupting court proceedings will be subject to the contempt procedures available and transcripts of any occurrences which the judge believes are violative of the attorney's oath and duty as an officer of the court will be furnished to the State Bar

Association and to the Judicial Council for appropriate action.

"The people of our community and state are entitled to orderly, firm and fair administration of our courts, free from disruption and intimidation.

"And they shall get it.

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