

## **RULE 157.3**

### **SPECIAL ORDERS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ACCUSED IN WIDELY PUBLICIZED AND SENSATIONAL CRIMINAL CASES**

In a widely publicized or sensational criminal case, the Court, on motion of either party or on its own motion, may issue a special order governing such matters as extra-judicial statements by parties and witnesses likely to interfere with the rights of the accused to a fair trial by an impartial jury, the seating and conduct in the courtroom of spectators and news media representatives, the management and sequestration of jurors and witnesses, and any other matters which the Court may deem appropriate for inclusion in such an order.