

## Judge issues gag order in church sex abuse case

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GENEVA — A judge has issued a gag order for attorneys involved in the ongoing suit against former Aurora priest Mark Campobello and the Rockford Catholic Diocese.

Judge Keith Brown amended a previous order to limit what attorneys can say to the media about elements of the case that are not included in court records, according to court records. For instance, attorneys are instructed not to discuss expected testimony or evidence the attorney reasonably knows will not be admitted at trial.

However, according to Brown's order, a lawyer may make a statement to protect his or her client from the "substantial undue prejudicial effect of recent publicity" not initiated by the lawyer of their clients, according to court records.

Campobello pleaded guilty to sexually abusing two girls, one a student at Aurora Central Catholic High School and the other from St. Peter's Church in Geneva. Attorneys have sued the diocese for not protecting the girls and have sought to examine the church's internal records to potentially find more victims or abusers.

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