

## **Recording, photographing, and/or broadcasting of court proceedings**

1. “Court Proceedings” means the inside of the courtroom whether or not court is in session.
2. Recording, photographing, and/or broadcasting of court proceedings in any manner with any device by spectators is prohibited. Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off prior to entering the courtroom.
3. There shall be no filming, videotaping, recording, or photographing of jurors under any circumstances.
4. There shall be no filming, videotaping, recording, or photographing of victims or witnesses by spectators under any circumstances.
5. News media representatives shall not film, videotape, record, or photograph victims or witnesses who object to such. The presiding judge shall inquire of each witness.
6. There shall be no audio pickup or broadcast of conferences conducted between attorneys, between attorneys and clients, or between counsel and the Judge unless said conferences are in open Court and intended to be heard by individuals other than the individuals involved in the conference.
7. Court staff and Court security officers are authorized to seize and inspect devices suspected of being used in violation of these rules. Violators will be subject to sanction for contempt of court.
8. Broadcasting, televising, filming, recording, or the taking of photographs by news media representatives, shall be permitted only in accordance with the conditions set forth in this Rule.
9. News media representatives must receive authorization from the Court for broadcasting, televising, filming, recording, or the taking of photographs in the courtroom. The authorization shall be in writing and only upon submission of the “Request for Permission to Photograph, Televise, Record, or Broadcast Court Proceedings” form utilized by the Court.
10. The “Request for Permission to Photograph, Televise, Record, or Broadcast Court Proceedings” form shall be filed at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled hearing. Authorization is hearing specific; a new request must be submitted prior to each hearing that news media representatives wish to cover. The Court may waive the advance notice for good cause. All applications shall become a record of the proceedings.
11. Any audio recording equipment shall be fully visible to the court, counsel, and witnesses.
12. No more than one video camera with one operator shall be permitted in the courtroom, during the proceedings.

13. No more than one still photographer with one camera shall be permitted to take photographs during the proceedings.
14. No more than one audio system with one operator for radio broadcast purposes shall be permitted in the courtroom during these proceedings.
15. Arrangements between or among media for "pooling" of equipment shall be the responsibility of the media representatives authorized to cover the proceedings. Such arrangements are to be made outside the courtroom and without imposing on the judge or court personnel. In the event disputes arise over such arrangements between or among media representatives, the Court shall exclude all contesting representatives from the proceedings.
16. No artificial lighting, other than that normally used in the courtroom, shall be employed. Electronic or photographic equipment which produces distracting sound or light is prohibited.
17. The judge shall specify the place or places in the courtroom where the operators and equipment are to be positioned. Movement shall be restricted to that location. Media representatives shall not be permitted to move about in the courtroom during court proceedings except to enter or leave the courtroom.
18. A media representative who leaves the courtroom during the proceedings shall not be permitted to re-enter until the time of a recess or other adjournment in the proceedings.
19. The changing of film or other camera or equipment adjustments in the courtroom during court proceedings is prohibited.
20. The failure of any media representative to comply with the conditions prescribed in this Rule, or any distractions resulting from broadcasting, televising, recording, or photographing will result in revocation of the authorization and such other sanctions as may be warranted.

**IN THE ASHTABULA  
COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

25 West Jefferson Street  
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

**Request to Broadcast, Televis, Record or Photograph a Session of  
the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas**

The undersigned media representative requests permission on behalf of the below-referenced mediation organization to broadcast, televise, record and/or photograph all or a portion of a session of the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas on the date referenced below.

Media Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Media Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Court session: \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Case Caption: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium to be used (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Broadcast \_\_\_\_\_ Televis \_\_\_\_\_ Record \_\_\_\_\_ Photograph

Names of Media Representative Attending Court Session (List all attending personnel)

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I certify that I am familiar with the contents of the Rules of Court of Judge Gary L. Yost and Rule 12 of the Rules of Superintendence of the Court of Oho, and will strictly abide by these rules.

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Media Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved

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Signature of Judge