

RULE 77.1 | PHOTOGRAPHING, BROADCASTING, TELEVISIONING

Other than required by authorized personnel in the discharge of official duties, all forms of equipment or means of photographing, audio- or video- recording, broadcasting or televising within the environs of any place of holding court in the District, including courtrooms, chambers, adjacent rooms, hallways, doorways, stairways, elevators or offices of supporting personnel, whether the Court is in session or at recess, is prohibited; except that: (a) photographing in connection with naturalization hearings or other special proceedings, as approved by a Judge of this Court, will be permitted; and (b) following a declaration of a local, state, or national emergency, audio and video recording may be permitted by order of the Court.

Effective December 1, 1994. Amended effective April 15, 2007; December 1, 2011; December 1, 2015; December 3, 2018; December 1, 2020.

Authority

(1993) Former Local Rule 20.

(2011) Amended to provide for participation in pilot program for the study of camera use in district courtrooms pursuant to those guidelines issued by the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management (www.uscourts.gov).

