



## LR 83.2

### PHOTOGRAPHING, BROADCASTING, TELEVISIONING AND TELEPHONY

- (a) The taking of photographs or the recording or transmission of Court proceedings or the airing of radio, television or internet broadcasts by non-Court personnel from the floors of the Courthouse occupied by the Courts during the progress of or in connection with judicial proceedings or grand jury proceedings, including proceedings before a Magistrate Judge, whether or not Court is actually in session, are prohibited; provided that photographing and broadcasting in connection with naturalization hearings, ceremonial occasions, or other special proceedings may be permitted with the approval of the Judge of the Court presiding over such proceedings.

**EXCEPTION**<sup>1</sup>: There is a limited exception to the ban on recording and publication of district court proceedings as set forth in this rule for district judges participating in a pilot program established by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 2010 (JCUS-SEP 10, pp.3-4) to evaluate the effect of cameras in district court courtrooms, of video recordings of proceedings therein, and of publication of such video recordings.

Any recording and publication conducted pursuant to the pilot program must comply with the program guidelines issued by the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management, pursuant to the pilot program (available at [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov)).

- (b) Cellular telephones and personal digital assistants shall be turned off while in any courtroom or chambers of the Court, unless the Court expressly allows them to be activated.
- (c) Devices and equipment used in violation of this rule shall be subject to immediate seizure.

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<sup>1</sup>Exception effective July 18, 2011 in accordance with Administrative Order 2011-14 for the duration of the Cameras Pilot Project in the District Courts