

GR 4. PHOTOGRAPHY, TELEVISION, BROADCASTING

Pursuant to the direction of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the taking of photographs or the electronic recording of proceedings in the courtroom or its environs in connection with any judicial proceeding and the broadcasting of judicial proceedings by radio, television or other means is prohibited, except as provided in this rule.

As used herein "judicial proceeding" means: (1) any trial, naturalization proceeding or ceremonial occasion in any United States District Court; (2) any proceeding before any Bankruptcy judge or United States magistrate judge; (3) sessions of the grand jury; (4) any person participating in a judicial proceeding, including petit and grand jurors. "Courtroom" of a United States District Court means the foyer, witness room, and all space behind the double doors containing the courtroom number and the name of the judge. "Courtroom" of a United States magistrate judge means any place where a judicial proceeding is conducted.

"Environs" means any area located within the interior confines of the United States Courthouse, including but not limited to the entrances, hallways, stairwells, corridors, foyers and lobbies therein.

With the consent of the presiding judge and under such conditions as he may prescribe, some variations in this policy may be allowed for ceremonial occasions.

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