

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COURT RULE**

### **Rule 1-2024**

#### **Media Coverage**

1. Pursuant to S478.240 and Missouri Supreme Court Administration Rule 16, this rule is implemented to assist and provide guidance on conduct allowed for media coverage in courtrooms and areas outside of the courtroom accessible to those who desire to use media equipment in those areas. This rule also is established to protect those individuals who are compelled by court order to appear for court proceedings and are therefore not able to freely leave areas where media coverage may occur.
2. All individuals who want “media coverage” as defined by Supreme Court Operating Rule 16 must make a written application to the court. The court clerk will provide the individual with a standardized form for this request along with a copy of Supreme Court Operating Rule 16 and Local Court Rule 1-2024.
3. If the application is for media coverage of a particular case then the judge assigned to that case will issue the written order for media coverage.

The order shall include any excluded behavior not allowed in the areas outside of the courtroom where the individual requesting media coverage has access.

4. If the application is for media coverage not related to a particular case, then the Presiding Judge shall review the application and issue a written order for media coverage.

The order shall include any behavior not allowed in areas outside of the courtrooms where the individual requesting media coverage has access to.

5. All individuals may bring cell phones or similar devices into the court facility and not be in violation of this rule. Court security will advise any person with such device that they may not use the device to record images on audio without a written court order.

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Date **8/1/24**

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Kevin L. Selby  
Presiding Judge  
40<sup>th</sup> Circuit