

Rule 7
MEDIA

(A) In accordance with Rule 12 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio, the procedures which follow are to be used when there is broadcasting or photographing of court proceedings.

(B) Media representatives must personally request permission of the assigned judge or magistrate for televising, recording, radio broadcasting, or photograph taking in a courtroom, before the court session. The assigned judge will then grant or deny permission for the proposed request. The court administrator will act as a liaison between the court and various media representatives to implement this rule.

(C) Media representatives are responsible for pooling without involving the court in any way, except to notify it of pooling arrangements. Television stations and radio stations must decide which of them shall cover the proceedings, and only one of each may then cover any one proceeding. The newsprint media must decide which of them shall cover the proceedings for photographic coverage, and only one photographer may then be allowed in the courtroom at any one time. If a dispute arises among or between the media representatives during any proceeding, the judge shall exclude contesting representatives from the remaining case proceedings.

(D) Media representatives must be in designated areas before court convenes and may leave only during a recess, lunch break, or afternoon adjournment. They are responsible for providing their own equipment, including sufficient equipment leads to ensure they are able to be stationed in the designated location. Only existing lighting within the courtroom may be used. Media representatives must wear appropriate attire when on courtroom assignment.

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