

Rule 83 - 13.02. Use of Photographic, Recording and Communication Equipment.

(A) All means of photographing, recording, broadcasting and televising are prohibited in any courtroom, and in areas adjacent to any courtroom, except when authorized by the judge presiding over an investiture, naturalization or other ceremonial proceeding. Unless specifically authorized by the judge presiding over any court proceeding, spectators may not use laptop computers, cell phones, or any other electronic devices in any courtroom. Nothing in this rule is intended to prohibit the use of electronic audio and visual devices for the presentation of evidence, for making the official record of a proceeding, for insuring Court security, or when authorized by the judge presiding as necessary to the administration of justice.

(B) The prohibition described in paragraph A of this rule shall not apply to proceedings in civil cases assigned to district judges of this court when the presiding judge has approved recording and broadcasting of a proceeding in accordance with the digital video recording pilot program guidelines issued by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 2010 (JCUS- SEP 10, pp.3-4)

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