

1 **Rule 50. Presence at hearings.**

2 (a) In abuse, neglect, and dependency cases the court shall admit persons exclude
3 all persons who do not have a direct interest in the proceedings except as provided for
4 by Utah Code Section 78A-6-114. If a motion is made to deny any person access to any
5 part of a hearing, the parties to the hearing, including the person challenged, may
6 address the issue by proffer, but are not entitled to an evidentiary hearing. A person
7 denied access to a proceeding may petition the Utah Court of Appeals under Utah Rule
8 of Appellate Procedure 19. Proceedings shall not be stayed pending appeal. As
9 provided for by Utah Code Section 78A-6-115, a person may file a petition requesting a
10 copy of a record of the proceedings, setting forth the reasons for the request. Upon a
11 finding of good cause by the Court and payment of a fee, the person shall receive an
12 audio recording of a proceeding. The Court may place under seal information received
13 in an open proceeding.

14 (b) In delinquency cases the court shall admit all persons who have a direct interest
15 in the case and may admit persons requested by the parent or legal guardian to be
16 present.

17 (c) In delinquency cases in which the minor charged is 14 years of age or older, the
18 court shall admit any person unless the hearing is closed by the court upon findings on
19 the record for good cause if:

20 (c)(1) the minor has been charged with an offense which would be a felony if
21 committed by an adult; or

22 (c)(2) the minor is charged with an offense that would be a class A or B
23 misdemeanor if committed by an adult and the minor has been previously charged with
24 an offense which would be a misdemeanor or felony if committed by an adult.

25 (d) If any person, after having been warned, engages in conduct which disrupts the
26 court, the person may be excluded from the courtroom. Any exclusion of a person who
27 has the right to attend a hearing shall be noted on the record and the reasons for the
28 exclusion given. Counsel for the excluded person has the right to remain and participate
29 in the hearing.

30 (e) Videotaping, photographing or recording court proceedings shall be as
31 authorized by the Code of Judicial Administration.