
**THE SEVENTH DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF UTAH
SAN JUAN COUNTY**

**IN RE PHOTOGRAPHY, FILMING, AND
RECORDING IN COURTHOUSE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
ORDER NO. 2019-04**

THIS COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

The court is concerned about decorum and the protection of persons doing business within the courthouse. The court is also concerned about individuals being photographed, filmed, or recorded without their knowledge or permission. The presiding judge has authority under rule 4-401.02 to restrict use of portable electronic devices in common areas. The purpose of this order is to establish parameters for photographing, filming, and recording within the courthouse.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that there shall be no photographing, filming, or recording in common areas of the courthouse except as provided below. The courthouse includes all areas within the exterior walls of the building. Common areas include entrances and exits, lobbies, hallways, stairs, elevators, and business offices. This order is not intended to restrict these activities when conducted on court premises outside the entrances and exits to the courthouse, provided the activities do not obstruct access to or from the building, or compromise security. Activities that obstruct access or compromise security will be considered a violation of this order.

Photography, filming, and recording are permitted in common areas inside the courthouse only upon the issuance of the Presiding Judge's directive. Written requests for a recording directive may be made to the clerk's office in hard copy via email: montscan@utcourts.gov, or via the court's website: <https://www.utcourts.gov/courts/dist/distsites/7th/> for delivery to the Presiding Judge. All requests shall include: a statement of the intended purpose for recording in common areas, an indication as to the specific common area(s) in which recording is requested, and the desired date(s) and time(s) during which the requestor prefers to make recordings. Requests will be processed within 1 business day of receipt.

Any photography, filming, or recording must be conducted with minimal noise and may not interfere with courthouse business.

No one may photograph, film, or record an individual without that individual's express consent.

Cameras and recording devices, and camera-enabled devices that capture digital images or record sounds, such as cell phones, tablets, or watches, may be brought into the courthouse as long as the image capturing and recording features are not activated, used, or displayed, except as otherwise provided in this order. Law enforcement officers with body cameras shall not activate the recording function of the cameras unless involved in a law enforcement activity in the courthouse.

This order is not intended to interfere with or restrict the rights of the media to request permission from a judicial officer to allow media coverage within a particular courtroom, nor to interfere with the ability of each judicial officer to rule on such media requests, consistent with rule 4-401.01.

The media may seek permission to photograph, film, or record in individual circumstances in a location other than those identified in this order. The requests will be considered and a response provided by the judge presiding over the case that has drawn media attention. Any such requests must be submitted to the Court's Communication Director, who will forward requests to the appropriate judge. The judge may grant the request conditioned on the requester complying with the other restrictions in this order.

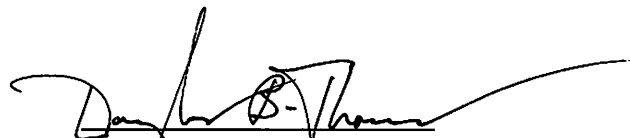
Special requests for photographing, filming, or recording in courtrooms, jury rooms, or conference rooms for purposes such as investitures or taking an oath of office must be made in writing to the Court's Communication Director. Decisions on those requests will be made in accordance with policies established by the Judicial Council.

A violation of this order and/or the Presiding Judge's directive may be the basis for being removed from the courthouse, an order to show cause for contempt, or confiscation of personal electronic devices.

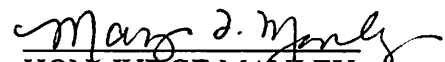
This order shall be provided to court employees and security officers and shall be conspicuously posted at entrances to the courthouse. The order shall be made available to anyone upon request.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 2-15-19


HON. JUDGE THOMAS
PRESIDING JUDGE
DISTRICT COURT

Date: 2.27.19


HON. JUDGE MANLEY
PRESIDING JUDGE
JUVENILE COURT