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[Insert County Name] Camera in Court

Request Form

The Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17 permits judges to authorize the broadcasting, televising, recording, digital streaming, or photographing of court proceedings or the courtroom by members of the news media as defined in Comment [2] of Rule 2.17.

Thank you for requesting broadcast coverage of a [Insert County Name] trial court proceeding. Upon receipt of your request, the judge will provide a copy of the request to the counsel of record and parties appearing without counsel.

Requests to broadcast court proceedings shall be submitted at least five (5) business days prior to the proceedings. If media are unable to submit the request with more than five (5) business days prior to the proceedings, indicate an expedited review of the application and the reason. The Court will work to review expedited requests but cannot guarantee review.

Each request will be carefully considered, and the Court will inform the requestor whether it has been denied or granted, and what conditions may apply. For example, the judge may require media to use a pool camera, and media will be required to work out the details with their fellow journalists.

All requests granted may be withdrawn at the sole discretion of the judge.

Requestor Name:

News Media Organization:

Certification: I certify to the judge that I am a member of the news media as defined in Comment [2] of Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17.

"[2] News media is defined as persons employed by or representing a newspaper, periodical, press association, radio station, television station, or wire service and covered by Ind. Code § 34-46-4-1."

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Email:

Phone number:

Website:

Any previous request with the Court?

- Yes
- o No

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Is the request for (Check all that apply)
 Audio Video Still photography Remote recording of a court's live stream
Pool coverage
☐ This is a request for coverage by a pool camera
Timeline (Check all that apply) Live broadcast Delayed broadcast
Date of request submission:
Is this an expedited request?
YesNo
If yes, please explain:
Court and Case Information Request for:
 Court 1 – name Court 2 – name Court 3 – name Etc.
Date of court proceeding:
Cause number:

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Cameras in Court Judge Response

Court X has reviewed the request for broadcasting a proceeding according to Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17 and hereby authorizes:

- o The request is denied: requestor is not news media as defined by Comment [2] of Rule 2.17.
- o The request is denied: safety and security concerns.
- The request is denied: proceeding is closed to the public, either by state statute or Indiana Supreme Court Rules.
- o The request is denied: other.
- The request is granted, with the following conditions:
 - o Follow professionalism and decorum as required by the Court.
 - o Media must pool resources, only one video camera will be allowed
 - Media must pool resources, only one still photographer will be allowed.
 - o Media must pool resources, only one audio feed will be allowed.
 - The audio/video/photographs captured must not be broadcast live, but [INSERT CONDITION OF JUDGE].
 - The entirety of the proceeding cannot be captured, only certain audio/video/photographs can be obtained. [INSERT CONDITION OF JUDGE]