



## **Shelby Superior Court 2 Broadcasting of Court Proceedings by News Media**



Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17 prohibits broadcasting, televising, recording, digital streaming, or photographing of court proceedings or the courtroom while court is in session. Requests to photograph the courtroom when court is not in session may be granted at the Court's discretion.

A member of the news media may request permission to broadcast a court session by submitting a written request at least 2 business days in advance of the hearing or proceeding. The request shall be made using the request form found on the reverse side of this document. The Court has discretion to approve or deny a request. An affirmative approval is required otherwise the request is deemed denied. The Court has discretion to modify the request period. If granted, the Court will post notice in the courtroom that news media personnel may be present for broadcast of court proceedings, and filming, photographing, and recording is limited to the authorized news media personnel.

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. Representatives of news media organizations may be required to wear and/or display identification. The Court has discretion to determine who may be eligible to be admitted as news media and under what conditions. Broadcast is defined as any broadcasting or recording of court proceedings by news media using still, video or audio equipment.

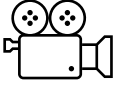
If approved, all broadcasting shall take place in an area designated by the Court. The Court has discretion to limit or terminate broadcast by a news media organization at any time during the proceeding. The Court may direct the manner in which the proceedings are covered by news media. News media are to be unobtrusive and quiet. News media may not move around the courtroom during proceedings. News media may not conduct interviews in the courtroom. All cameras shall be on a fixed mounting. Handheld cameras are not permitted. Once the court session starts, the camera or recording device may not be moved, tilted or panned. Devices shall use ambient lighting only. Power, internet and other utilities will not be provided by the Court. No cords or boom microphones are allowed.

Broadcasting, recording, digitally streaming, or photographing proceedings will always be prohibited in proceedings that are closed to the public, either by state statute or Indiana Supreme Court rules. This prohibition also applies to:

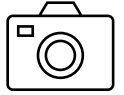
1. minors;
2. juvenile delinquency and child in need of services matters;
3. protective order proceedings;
4. guardianship proceedings;
5. civil proceedings in which children are involved;
6. alleged victims of violent offenses, sex offenses, and domestic abuse;
7. jurors and prospective jurors and the jury selection process;
8. proceedings or portions of proceedings where the court deems it necessary for the administration of justice (i.e. to protect a witness, other persons or confidential information);
9. attorney-client communications;
10. bench conferences; and
11. materials on counsel tables and judicial bench.

**Any violation of this rule may be punishable by contempt of court or sanctions. Sanctions may include suspension and/or termination of broadcast privileges.**

*David N. Riggins, Judge Shelby Superior Court 2*



**REQUEST FOR NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF A COURT PROCEEDING IN  
SHELBY SUPERIOR COURT 2**



Deliver to the Chambers of Shelby Superior Court 2 not later than 2 business days in advance.

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/time of court proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_

Case number of proceeding: 73D02-\_\_\_\_\_

As a member of the news media (as defined by Indiana Code § 34-46-4-1), I request permission to broadcast or record a court proceeding in the case above using the following equipment (mark all that apply and be specific):

\_\_\_\_ Still photography: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Video/audio recording equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand that the presiding judge has discretion to approve or deny this request for broadcast coverage and may, if granted, limit, interrupt, or terminate broadcast coverage at any time. I also understand the presiding judge may determine the location and quantity of broadcast equipment. I have reviewed the Shelby Superior Court 2 policy and the Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17 and agree to abide by them. I understand that violation of a court order may result in a finding of contempt of court and that sanctions may be imposed for a violation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Media Outlet making request

\_\_\_\_\_  
Network or publisher  
affiliation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number

Email address:

For Court Use:

Granted: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

To be filed in Cause Number 73D02-\_\_\_\_\_ - CB-\_\_\_\_\_

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