

**Standing Order Regarding Recording and Broadcasting
of Court Proceedings in the 410th District Court (eff. 1/1/23)**

1. Definitions.

1.1 "Recording" means photographing, audio recording or video recording by any means.

1.2 "Broadcasting" means disseminating or transmitting to the public through newspapers, television, radio, internet or other means.

1.3 "Media" means any person or organization engaging in news gathering or reporting and includes any newspaper, radio or television station or network, news service, magazine, trade paper, in-house publication, professional journal, or other news reporting or news gathering agency, whether the information is transmitted or disseminated by broadcasting, cable, satellite, internet, or other means.

1.4 "Court proceedings" do not include investitures or ceremonial proceedings, but does include anytime the court is in session.

2. Recording or broadcasting prohibited.

2.1 Pursuant to the judge's inherent power to control proceedings to maintain the dignity, decorum, and impartiality of court proceedings, the recording or broadcasting of proceedings in the 410th District Court is strictly prohibited. IT IS ORDERED that no person shall take a photograph, make an audio recording, make a video recording, broadcast live, or make a Zoom recording of court proceedings in the 410th District Court.

2.2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no person, other than the court reporter and the court administrator and court coordinator, may record or broadcast the Court's video or telephonic court proceedings that are conducted via Zoom without the Court's express permission. This prohibition applies to all persons, including members of the public and media who are viewing or listening to court proceedings. Any person found in violation of this order could face monetary sanctions or contempt of court.

3. Outside the Courtroom. Media operating outside the courtroom shall not create a distraction and shall withdraw whenever necessary to avoid restricting movement of persons passing through the courtroom door. Persons operating media outside the courtroom are prohibited from taking photographs, making video recordings, or making audio recordings of the courtroom when the courtroom doors are ajar.

4. **Enforcement.** The court may enforce these rules by any legal or equitable process.

Signed: December 15, 2022

Jennifer Robin
JENNIFER ROBIN, JUDGE PRESIDING
410TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT