



CALHOUN COUNTY COURTS – ALL COURTS POLICY
37TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CALHOUN COUNTY PROBATE 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

SUBJECT:
RECORDINGS IN COURT

DATE:
April 28, 2023

1. Pursuant to Local Administrative Order C37-2023-01J; D10-2023-01J, P13-2023-01J.

No recording or photography equipment of any kind shall be permitted in a courtroom or hearing room except by media that have obtained prior written approval pursuant to Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1, with the exception of cameras to be used for weddings or other ceremonial events, with permission of the presiding judge or court official.

People reporting for jury duty, and selected jurors, may not be photographed by the media or any other person pursuant to Michigan Court Rule (MCR) 8.115(C)(3)(c).

In areas of a courthouse other than courtrooms, no one may photograph, record, broadcast or live stream an individual without that individual's prior express consent pursuant to MCR 8.115(C)(3)(b). A courthouse area includes all areas of a court building used for the administration and operation of the court. Official court business, including the administration and operation of the court, is conducted on every floor of the Calhoun County Justice Center. Individuals intending to photograph, record, broadcast or live stream themselves, or have another person photograph, record, broadcast or live stream them, in the Calhoun County Justice Center, would subject any individual including a juror, potential juror, witness or employee to inadvertently being photographed, recorded, broadcast or livestreamed without the opportunity to expressly consent.

For the reasons stated above, other than as provided in Section 1(A) below, no photography, recording, broadcasting or live streaming may be conducted in the Calhoun County Justice Center without receiving prior written approval from the Calhoun County Chief Judge.

- A. Photography, recording, broadcasting or live streaming conducted in Calhoun County Justice Center conference room F262, with the prior express consent of the individual to be photographed, recorded, broadcast or live streamed, either written or captured by audio or video means, is authorized by adoption of this administrative order.

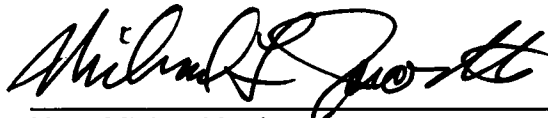
2. To seek approval of the Chief Judge, prior to photographing, recording, broadcasting or live streaming in the Calhoun County Justice Center, the individual seeking to photograph, record, broadcast or live stream **must** do one of the following:
 - A. Present documentation showing the prior express consent of each individual who will be photographed, recorded, broadcasted or live streamed to Court Administration (documentation can either be mailed to Circuit/Probate Court Administrator Kristen Getting or District Court Administrator Katherine Ambrose, or dropped off in person at 10th District Court Clerk's Office). The documentation presented must also state the date, time and purpose of the photographing, recording, broadcasting or live streaming, as well as contact information (including email address if applicable) of the recording individual; or
 - B. Request, in writing, permission from the Calhoun County Courts Chief Judge to photograph, record, broadcast or live stream in the Calhoun County Justice Center. The request must contain the date, time, purpose and contact information (including email address if applicable) of the individual(s) who will be involved in the photographing, recording, broadcasting or live streaming. Prior express consent to be photographed, recorded, broadcasted or live streamed must be submitted for anyone other than the requesting individual.
3. Upon receipt of documentation under 2(A), the Chief Judge will only allow photographing, recording, broadcasting or live streaming in an area where no other individual who has not given prior express consent will not inadvertently be made part of the photograph, recording, broadcast or live stream. Court Administration will notify the requesting party of the location where the photographing, recording, broadcasting or live streaming may take place. Failure of any individual participating in the photographing, recording, broadcasting or live streaming to stay within the approved area, will result in immediate termination of the photographing, recording, broadcasting or live streaming.
4. Upon receipt of documentation under 2(B), the Calhoun County Court Chief Judge will review the request and Court Administration will notify the requesting party whether their request is approved or denied. The Calhoun County Chief Judge reserves the right to deny a request if the photographing, recording, broadcasting or live streaming will disrupt court proceedings or court operations, interfere with the safety of individuals performing court operations or interfere with the safety of individuals present for court business. This includes perceived safety, as well as actual safety. If the request is approved, Court Administration will determine the location where the photographing, recording, broadcasting or live streaming may take place and notify the requesting party.

Failure of any individual participating in the photographing, recording, broadcasting or live streaming to stay within the approved area, will result in immediate termination of the photographing, recording, broadcasting or live streaming.

5. The requirements of 2(A) and 2(B) must be followed each time an individual would like to photograph, record, broadcast or live stream in the Calhoun County Justice Center. The approval of one request is **not** a blanket approval for any time that individual would like to photograph, record, broadcast or live stream in the Calhoun County Justice Center.
6. All approved and denied requests will be forwarded to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.
7. The Calhoun County Courts authorize the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office to assist with compliance of any approved request.

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Chief Judge Calhoun County Courts

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Date