

## Rule 9.2 RECORDING IN COURT Rule 1.5 PHOTOGRAPHY, BROADCASTING AND RECORDING

### Rule 9.2.01 Recording in Court Rule 1.5.01 Photography, Broadcasting, and Recording in Courthouses, Courtrooms, and other Court-Controlled Spaces

~~Requests for media coverage of any type must comply with California Rule of Court 1.150 and requests must be submitted to the trial judge in advance using the appropriate Judicial Council form Media Request to Photograph, Record or Broadcast MC-500.~~

~~See California Rule of Court 1.150 for rules about photographing, recording, and broadcasting in court.~~

#### (a) Purpose

This rule is adopted in accordance with case law and California Rule of Court 1.150 to preserve the dignity of court proceedings, protect the rights of litigants and witnesses, and maintain the safety and privacy of all individuals within court-controlled spaces.

#### (b) Definitions

This rule adopts the definitions in California Rule of Court 1.150 and adds the definitions below:

- Court-controlled spaces include all courthouses, courtrooms, hallways, clerk's offices or counters or transaction windows, lobbies, jury rooms, chambers, and any other areas under the jurisdiction of the Superior Court.
- Courtroom includes both the physical room in which court proceedings are held and any electronic platform used to conduct court proceedings remotely via video or audio technology.

#### (c) General Prohibition

No person shall engage in photography, broadcasting, or recording within any court-controlled space without prior permission from the court. The media may ask to record in accordance with California Rules of Court, Rule 1.150.

#### (d) Exceptions

The following exceptions may apply only with prior approval from the Presiding Judge, Court Executive Officer (CEO), or their designee:

1. Official court documentation or archival purposes.

2. Investitures and other ceremonial or educational programs.

3. Media Coverage approved under a formal request pursuant to Rule 1.150 of the California Rules of Court.

(c) Media Requests

Requests for media coverage of any type must be submitted in accordance with California Rule of Court 1.150 to the trial judge using Judicial Council form MC-500 Media Request to Photograph, Record, or Broadcast and proposed MC-510 Order on Media Request to Photograph, Record or Broadcast.

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