**Rule 134.10. Audio and Video Coverage of Appellate Court Proceedings**

**Subdivision 1.** Unless notice is waived by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, notice of intent to cover appellate court proceedings by either audio or video means shall be given by the media to the Clerk of the Appellate Courts at least 24 hours prior to the time of the intended coverage.

**Subd. 2.** Camera operators, technicians, and photographers covering a proceeding must:

(a) avoid activity which might distract participants or impair the dignity of the proceedings;

(b) remain seated within the restricted areas designated by the Court;

(c) observe the customs of the Court;

(d) conduct themselves in keeping with courtroom decorum; and

(e) not dress in a manner that sets them apart unduly from the participants in the proceeding.

**Subd. 3.** All broadcast and photographic coverage shall be on a pool basis, the arrangements for which must be made by the pooling parties in advance of the hearing. Not more than one (1) electronic news gathering camera producing the single video pool-feed shall be permitted in the courtroom. Not more than two (2) still-photographic cameras shall be permitted in the courtroom at any one time. Motor-driven still cameras may not be used.

**Subd. 4.** Exact locations for all camera and audio equipment within the courtroom shall be determined by the Court. All equipment must be in place and tested 15 minutes in advance of the time the Court is called to order and must be unobtrusive. All wiring, until made permanent, must be safely and securely taped to the floor along the walls.

**Subd. 5.** Only existing courtroom lighting may be used.

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