

**Policy Guidelines for the Use of Cameras and Recording and Videotaping Devices
in the E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse and the William B. Bryant Annex**
(As amended March 3, 2008)

The following guidelines regarding the use of cameras and recording and videotaping devices in the courthouse and annex have been approved by the Circuit Judicial Council and are effective as of March 19, 1987 (as amended by the Circuit Judicial Council on October 12, 2000, and March 3, 2008).

1. The use of any device that has the capability to photograph, record, or videotape is prohibited except in connection with ceremonial and educational functions of the courts (naturalization proceedings, investitures of new judges, memorial services, portrait presentation ceremonies, etc.). The use of such equipment is permissible within a judge's chambers and courtroom at the discretion of the judge. Videotaping, recording, or photographing court events, ceremonies, and educational programs may be permitted with prior approval of the chief judge or court unit executive¹ of the sponsoring court and under such conditions as he or she may prescribe. Acting at the direction of the chief judge of the sponsoring court, the special assistants to the chief judges are also authorized to approve these requests. The chief judge, court unit executive, or special assistant to the chief judge will notify the U.S. Marshal in writing² in advance of the event that use of these devices is authorized.

2. Notwithstanding the above, the Court of Appeals may decide whether to permit the taking of photographs and radio and television coverage of Court of Appeals proceedings, subject to any restrictions in statutes, national and local rules, and such guidelines as the Judicial Conference may adopt.

¹Court unit executives include the Circuit Executive, Clerk of the Court of Appeals, Clerk of the District Court, and Chief Probation Officer.

²Written notification may be done by e-mail, memo, letter, or court order.