

Media Coverage at the Court

*Electronic note-taking and recording generally are allowed,
but the court needs to approve in advance*

You need separate, advance permission from the court before you:

- **Take any electronic notes or do other electronic writing in the courtroom.**
 - Includes on laptops, cell phones, and other electronic devices.
- **Electronically record in the courtroom or other court areas.**
 - Includes video and audio recording and still photography by camera, cell phone, tablet, or other means. (Though live-streaming is considered recording, it also involves sending and requires additional separate permission.)
- **Send any electronic recordings or writings from the courtroom.**
 - Includes e-mails, texts, instant messages, images, and social media posts.
 - Includes live-streaming video or audio.

Ask the trial judge or designee for permission to record, write, or send in the courtroom.

Ask the presiding judge or designee for permission to record in hallways, lobbies, or other court areas.

The Court may:

- **Limit the number, type, location, and operation of electronic devices.**
 - Generally, one video camera, one still camera, and one audio recorder will be allowed.
- **Require pool coverage.**
 - If pooling is required, all arrangements are up to the media
 - Including arrangements for sharing, verifying technical capabilities, resolving disputes.
- **Allow you to write or record, but not send (specific permission required for each).**
- **Impose other limits to preserve decorum or protect jurors, witnesses, or parties.**
- **Deny your request if you can't demonstrate that you understand this rule.**
- **Terminate permissions if rules are violated or media can't agree on pooling.**

You can never record the following proceedings:

- **Juvenile cases**
- **Many family law cases (dissolution, custody, visitation, support)**
- **Civil commitment proceedings**
- **Protective orders (including abuse, restraining, and stalking orders)**
- ***Voir dire* (jury selection)**
- **Any sex crime proceeding, if the victim has requested no recording.**
- **Any private conversations or notes (including with judges, attorneys, clients)**
- **Any time the court is in recess or off the record.**
- **Any juror in any court area during the course of the juror's trial.**

This is a summary. For details, see Uniform Trial Court Rule 3.180 at:

<https://www.courts.oregon.gov/programs/utcr/Pages/currentrules.aspx>