

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF GLENN**

**ORDER RE USE OF RECORDING  
DEVICES IN COURT FACILITIES**

This Order rescinds and replaces prior Order No. 25-02, dated May 22, 2025.

Photographing, videotaping, televising or otherwise recording any court proceeding is prohibited unless a written request (form MC-500) has been filed at least five (5) days before the hearing date (unless good cause is shown) and approved before the commencement of the hearing. (See California Rules of Court, Rule 1.150.)

There shall be no photography, video, audio or electronic recording conducted in the common areas within the courthouse – including but not limited to hallways and the lobby area – without an Order on Media Request to Permit Coverage (form MC-510) on file and except as expressly authorized by California Rules of Court, rule 1.150.

This Order is made pursuant to the explicit authority granted by Code of Civil Procedure sections 128, 177 and 187, California Rules of Court rule 1.150 and the Court's inherent powers, including the Court's inherent power to protect witnesses' and jurors' safety and privacy. *Townsel v. Superior Court* (1999), 20 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 1084, 1091; *People v. Virgil* (2011), 51 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 1210, 1237. The inside of a courthouse, including the lobbies, hallways and courtrooms, is a nonpublic forum. *Berner v. Delahunty* (1<sup>st</sup> Cir. 1997), 129 F.3d 20, 26; *Huminski v. Corsones* (2nd Cir. 2004), 396 F.3d 53, 91.

1 This Order shall not apply to authorized Court-sponsored or Court co-sponsored  
2 community activities or events relating to the administration justice, or to permitted uses  
3 by judicial officers or court employees.

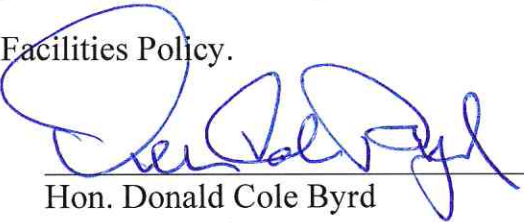
4 All requests to allow for photography, videotaping, televising or otherwise  
5 recording in common areas of the courthouse shall be directed to the Court Executive  
6 Officer. These special requests to film in common areas of the courthouse shall follow  
7 the same procedures outlined above. Television and still photographers may film in  
8 public areas of the courthouse only with prior court approval and so long as they are not  
9 impeding the conduct of court business.

10 It is the Court's intent to protect the privacy of its employees and those members  
11 of the public using court services. In special circumstances, upon written approval, an  
12 area of the courthouse may be designated as an area of media coverage to allow those  
13 court users and employees not wishing to be photographed to move aside.

14 Any violation of California Rule of Court 1.150 or a specific order made under  
15 this general Order is an unlawful interference with the proceedings of the Court and may  
16 be the basis for an order terminating media coverage, a citation for contempt of court in  
17 violation of Code of Civil Procedure section 1209(a)(5), or an order imposing monetary  
18 or other sanctions as provided by law. The latter may include monetary sanctions in  
19 amounts up to \$1,500 per violation pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 177.5; or  
20 prosecution for criminal violations of Penal Code section 166(a)(3), (4) or (5).

21 This Order does not cover requests to film in the courthouse for commercial or  
22 documentary purposes. All such requests are governed by the Judicial Council of  
23 California's Third-Party Use of Court Facilities Policy.

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26 DATED: 9/22/2025

  
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Hon. Donald Cole Byrd  
Presiding Judge