

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO IDAHO)
COURT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES)
45, 46a and 46b)
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ORDER

The Court, having reviewed a recommendation to amend the Idaho Court Administrative Rules, and the Court being fully informed;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Idaho Court Administrative Rules be amended as follows:

Idaho Court Administrative Rule 45. Cameras in the Courtroom

(a) "Audio/visual coverage," as used in this rule, means broadcast, video, audio, and photographic coverage or recording of public proceedings before district and magistrate judges. Broadcast means the transmission of images or sounds by any electronic means, including but not limited to television, radio, Internet, email or streaming. Audio/visual coverage is authorized subject to the discretion of the presiding judge. The presiding judge maintains the right to limit audio/visual coverage of any public hearing when the interests of the administration of justice requires. Authorization may be revoked at any time, without prior notice, when in the discretion of the court it appears that audio/visual coverage is interfering in any way with the proper administration of justice.

(b) The presiding judge may, at his or her discretion, limit, restrict, or prohibit audio/visual coverage at any proceeding. Any decision regarding audio/visual coverage is not subject to appellate review.

(c) Audio/visual coverage of the following proceedings is prohibited:

(1) There shall be no broadcast, video or audio coverage or recording of conferences which occur in a court facility between attorneys and their clients, between co-counsel of a client, or between counsel and the presiding judge held at the bench. There shall be no audio/visual coverage of notes upon the counsel table, nor of any exhibits before they are admitted into evidence.

(2) There shall be no audio/visual coverage of in-camera sessions or judicial deliberations.

(3) There shall be no audio/visual coverage of proceedings when they are closed to the public including adoptions, mental health proceedings, child protective act proceedings, termination of parent child relations, grand jury proceedings, issuance of arrest and search warrant proceedings