

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2000-03 Expanded Media Coverage – Canon 3.A(8)


WHEREAS, Canon 3 A(8) of the Colorado Code of Judicial Conduct authorizes Judicial Supervision over Expanded Media Coverage of Court Proceedings, and establishes certain guidelines with respect to the circumstances under which photography and audio recordings of court proceedings may be done;

AND WHEREAS, it is desirable to have a written policy, consistent with Canon 3, to provide notice to the media and members of the public, so that requests for expanded media coverage can be presented, considered and decided in an orderly way which will best achieve the objectives of Canon 3.

NOW THEREFORE, The undersigned, as Chief Judge of the Seventh Judicial District, hereby directs as follows:

- A. All requests for Expanded Media Coverage of Court Proceedings in any district or county court in the Seventh Judicial District, shall be made in writing and filed with the court at least twenty-four (24) hours before the expanded media coverage is to begin; provided however, that a written request may be filed less than 24 hours prior to such proceeding where it appears that the person making the request could not reasonably have been expected to have notice or knowledge of the proceeding in time to file a request at least 24 hours before the proceeding.
- B. When a request for Expanded Media Coverage of Court Proceedings is filed pursuant to this Administrative Order, the person filing the request shall comply with all of the requisites of Canon 3 A (8), including the obligation under paragraph (8)(f) to provide copies of the request to counsel for each party participating in the proceeding. Any attorney, party or witness involved in the proceeding may lodge with the judicial officer [judge or magistrate] assigned to conduct said proceeding, a written objection to expanded media coverage of all or a portion of the proceeding.
- C. Any court clerk who receives a request for Expanded Media Coverage of a Court Proceeding shall provide a copy of Canon 3 A(8) to the person who files the request, and also shall make all reasonable efforts to bring said request to the immediate attention of the judicial officer [judge or magistrate] charged with conducting the proceeding which is the subject of the request.

DONE BY THE COURT, This 11th day of February, 2000.



Robert A. Brown
Chief Judge, Seventh Judicial District

cc: JDA Clayton

for distribution to all judges, magistrates and clerks of court in the 7th Judicial District.