

Rule 9 - Courtrooms

Rule 9.9 - Cameras in Courthouses and Courtrooms

1. Pursuant to §§ 478.240 R.S.Mo., and Missouri Supreme Court Operating Rule 16, and with the approval of the Judicial/Media Task Force on Cameras in the Courtroom, videotaping or photographing by the media shall not be permitted in courthouse hallways except as provided in this rule.

2. Kansas City Courthouse - Videotaping or photographing will be allowed on floors with courtrooms only in the elevator areas, in an available witness room, or, with a judge's approval, in an empty courtroom. Videotaping or photographing is permitted on floors with no courtrooms.

3. Eastern Jackson County Courthouse - Videotaping or photographing will be allowed in the alcove areas in the hallways between the courtrooms, in an available witness room or, with a judge's approval, in an empty courtroom.

4. Criminal Justice Center - Videotaping or photographing shall take place outdoors in front of the lobby, in an available witness room, or, with a judge's approval, in an empty courtroom. In the event of bad weather, cameras will be allowed in the first floor hallway.

5. Family Court – Videotaping or photographing may only take place outdoors on county property and away from entrances to the building. Videotaping or photographing individuals who are under the jurisdiction of the Family Court without the prior approval of a judge or commissioner is prohibited. Videotaping or photographing of specifically identified persons may be allowed in a courtroom or conference room with the prior approval of a judge or commissioner or deputy court administrator.