

The Superior Court in Pima County conforms to Arizona Supreme Court Rule 122 governing the use of electronic and photographic coverage of public judicial proceedings. Consistent with the rule, the court may make reasonable provisions to prevent interference with court employees and members of the public who are conducting business in the courthouse; to maintain the security of the court, employees and the public; and to secure the privacy of jurors serving the court. All use of cameras of any type in the courthouse is prohibited without express permission.

Processing Requests for Coverage During Sessions of Court

Except for juvenile court proceedings, requests for permission for electronic, video, or still photographic coverage of public judicial proceedings shall be made by filing the court's camera request form with the assigned judicial officer presiding over the proceeding, with a copy to the court's community relations coordinator. The assigned judge shall determine whether and under what conditions such coverage shall be permitted in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 122.

At juvenile court, electronic coverage of proceedings is not permitted except in adoption proceedings, and then only with the agreement of the parties to the proceeding and the court, pursuant to Rule 122.

Processing Requests for Coverage in Areas Outside the Courtrooms

In areas of the courthouse other than courtrooms, the use of photographic equipment is prohibited without the specific prior authorization of the Presiding Judge or designee.

In the Clerk of the Court's offices, private parties may take photographs as permitted by the Clerk.

Use of Personal Audio Recorders

Journalists may use personal audio recorders in the courtroom, but such usage shall not be obtrusive or distracting, as provided in Rule 122.

ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT IN PIMA COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

POLICY NO. 1103

DATE ADOPTED: 08/03/98

TITLE: **ELECTRONIC AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE
OF PUBLIC JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS**
(PREVIOUS – CAMERAS IN THE COURTHOUSE)

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Any individual using electronic or photographic equipment to cover public judicial proceedings or otherwise within the courthouse is responsible to become familiar with, understand, and follow the requirements of Supreme Court Rule 122 and this policy. Strict compliance with the rule and this policy is required. Failure to do so may result in loss of permission to use such devices in this court and such other sanctions as may be appropriate.

DATED this _____ day of July, 2009.

Honorable Jan E. Kearney
Presiding Judge