

#### **Rule 4. Media and public**

- (A) For purposes of these rules, the term "media" shall be understood to encompass representatives from any print or broadcast media.
- (B) [Superintendence Rule 12](#) shall govern the presence of the media at hearings. Matters not covered by said rule shall be governed by the jurist assigned to the case.
- (C) Hearings that are governed by the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure or the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure shall be open to the public, subject to closure by the Court. Hearings governed by the Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure are neither presumptively open nor presumptively closed to the public and the media.
- (D) Written requests to permit the presence of the public or the media shall be made by the person or media representative seeking to be present for any hearing not generally open to the public. The request shall be filed prior to the scheduling of the hearing, except with leave of Court. The request shall specify the case, date, the name, address and phone number of the person or media company seeking to be present along with the number of persons and type of equipment expected to be brought into the courtroom. The Court may direct the Clerk of Court to serve notice of the request to the appropriate persons.
- (E) Members of the media or public shall not be permitted to enter the jurist's chambers or accesses without judicial approval.
- (F) Audio equipment shall be so controlled that it will not pick up conferences or conversation between counsel and client, and between the jurist and counsel at the bench.
- (G) The Court shall inform victims and witnesses of their right to object to being filmed, videotaped, recorded or photographed. Upon objection, the witness or victim shall not be recorded.
- (H) Permission of the public or media to be present may be revoked by the Court upon a failure to comply with the orders or directions of the Court.