

Muskegon County Courts Media Protocol

- All media outlets must submit SCAO MC27 - Request and Notice for Film and Electronic Media Coverage of Court Proceedings as follows:
- Contact the office of the respective Court Administrator in the Muskegon County Hall of Justice located at 990 Terrace, Muskegon MI for all 60th District, 14th Circuit and Probate Court requests:
 - District Court-
 - 2nd Floor, Fax (231) 724-8889; DistrictCourt@muskegoncounty.net
 - Circuit/Family Court-
 - 3rd Floor, Fax (231) 724-6563;
FamilyCourtServices@muskegoncounty.net
 - Probate Court-
 - 5th Floor, Fax (231) 724 6232
- Pursuant to Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1, request forms must be submitted no later than three days prior to the Court proceeding; late requests will be at the discretion of the Judicial Officer presiding over the hearing in question. Media request for arraignments must be submitted by 9:00am the day of the proceeding.
- Media personnel with cameras or equipment will be required to provide and wear employment identification while in the Courthouse.
- Only one motion-media camera will be allowed in the courtroom.
- Microwave transmitting from inside the Courthouse is not allowed without the prior approval of Facilities Management at (231) 724-6416
- Still/press cameras in the courtrooms will be limited to the gallery or audience area.
- Security for all Courthouse functions is provided by the Muskegon County Sheriff's Office and/or assigned Bailiff. Immediate decisions regarding security will be made by the on-duty deputies and/or bailiffs assigned to that proceeding. Arranged security will be determined and approved/denied by the Muskegon County Sheriff's Office.
- Members of the Jury are not to be filmed or photographed.
- Media representatives will conduct themselves so as not to disrupt or distract the Jury, Court, Court Staff and any other day-to-day operations of the Courthouse.
- Media exiting prior to the conclusion of a proceeding must do so without distraction to the Court.
- At Judicial discretion, media can be directed not to film or take pictures of identified Court participants.
- For good cause, exercising judicial discretion and in accordance with law, media can be prohibited from filming, photographing, or recording specific court proceedings.
- The Muskegon County Hall of Justice is a public facility. This facility, like many others, also has restricted areas where the public and/or media are not permitted. Enforcement of all security and restricted areas will be maintained by the Muskegon County Sheriff's Office and Bailiffs.
- Ultimate responsibility for interpretation, enforcement, or departure from the terms of the protocol will rest with the judicial officer presiding over the hearing at issue.
- Upon entering the Courthouse and going through security screening, Media personnel

will sign in at the front entrance security station and may be asked to show additional identification.

- The effective date of the protocol is December 13, 2019.

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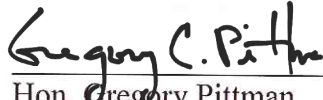
We, the Chief Judges of the Muskegon County Courts, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a policy adopted by the Muskegon County Courts. We have hereunto set and affixed the seal of our office this 13th day of December 2019.



12/11/19

Hon. William C. Marietti
Chief Judge 14th Circuit Court

Date



December 13, 2019

Hon. Gregory Pittman
Presiding Family Division and Probate Judge

Date



12/10/19

Hon. Raymond J. Kostrzewa
Chief Judge 60th District Court

Date