

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING PHOTOGRAPHING AND
RECORDING COURT PROCEEDINGS AND COURTHOUSE SPACES IN THE
ROBERT C. MURPHY COURTS OF APPEAL BUILDING¹

It is this 4th day of March 2024, by the Supreme Court of Maryland,

Ordered as follows:

1. Photographing, Recording, and Transmitting Court Proceedings

Unless otherwise ordered by: (i) the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, for all proceedings in that court; or (ii) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, for all proceedings in that court, no court proceeding may be photographed, video recorded, audio recorded, broadcast, televised, or otherwise transmitted except as follows:

- a. During Bar Admission ceremonies, family and friends of admittees may use cameras or video recorders during the proceedings.
- b. A Judge or Justice presiding over any other ceremonial proceeding may authorize the use of cameras or video recorders during the proceeding.
- c. The clerk's offices of the appellate courts shall record and transmit the proceedings of each court for the record.

2. Photographing, Video Recording, and Televising Courthouse Spaces

- a. Courtrooms and Other Public Spaces

Unless otherwise ordered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, no courtroom or other public space in the courthouse may be photographed, video recorded, or televised except as follows:

¹ This administrative order is derived from Local Rule 506 of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. Maryland Rule 16-208 governs photography and recording in the circuit courts and the District Court of Maryland.

i. During and after Bar Admission Ceremonies, persons attending the event may use cameras and video recorders in the space where the event is being held and the lobby areas of the courthouse.

ii. During and after other ceremonial events, receptions, and social events, the court official presiding over the event may authorize persons attending the event to use cameras and video recorders in the space where the event is being held and the lobby areas of the courthouse.

iii. Employees of the appellate courts, the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Department of General Services and their contractors may use cameras and other recording devices in the courtrooms, when court is not in session, and in other public spaces in the course of their duties.

b. Office Spaces

Cameras, including video cameras, may not be used in any office within the courthouse, including the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library, except with the approval of the person in charge of the office.

3. Enforcement

Anyone violating this administrative order may be removed from the courthouse by law enforcement personnel.

/s/ Matthew J. Fader
Chief Justice

Filed: March 4, 2024

/s/ Gregory Hilton
Clerk
Supreme Court of Maryland

Pursuant to the Maryland Uniform Electronic Legal
Materials Act (§§ 10-1601 et seq. of the State
Government Article) this document is authentic.



Gregory Hilton, Clerk