

FILMING WITHIN THE COURTHOUSE

Pursuant to Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.451, filming inside of courtrooms or the courthouse itself, is subject at all times to the Chief Judge to

- (A) Ensure decorum and prevent distractions;
- (B) Ensure the fair administration of justice; and
- (C) Preserve court security.

Due to the ever-present security concerns, sensitive nature of the business conducted at the courthouse, legislation like Marsy's Law enacted to protect victims of crime, and the need to make arrangements for space in courtrooms or in public areas, the following will be observed:

- (1) Members of the press wishing to film inside of a courtroom or individuals wishing to film within the courthouse, will need prior written approval from the Chief Deputy, General Counsel, or Court Operations Manager for the Fifth Circuit. This approval must be presented to security or court personnel on request.
- (2) Individuals with appointments to interview or film Constitutional Officers or other employees within the courthouse, will need to be confirmed by a representative from that agency.

None of the above procedures are intended to deprive citizens of any of their inalienable rights, but rather to help preserve them by observing the safety protocols mandated as the responsibility of the Chief Judge.