STATE OF FLORIDA

FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

CITRUS, HERNANDO, LAKE, MARION, AND SUMTER COUNTIES

Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.
Chief Judge

Jeffery K. Fuller
Trial Court Administrator

Media Coverage and Recording in the Fifth Judicial Circuit

To assist with media accommodations in often-crowded courtrooms, members of the media wishing to cover a court proceeding should submit the **request to record** form before arriving at the courthouse.

Courtroom Access
Unless otherwise specified by the presiding Judge, seating in the courtroom for members of the press is on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the media are requested to dress appropriately. Food and drinks are not permitted. Cell phones should be turned off or placed on silent.

Recording
Recording images of any kind is prohibited without prior approval. Fill out the Recording Request Form to request permission to record. The recording of Jurors is not permitted. Live streaming is not permitted without prior approval from the Judge.

Pooling
It is recommended that a pool camera is designated amongst any interested parties wishing to obtain footage at the courthouse. Trials require a minimum of 48-hour notice by filling out the Recording Request Form

Security
To expedite entry into the courthouse, advanced approval is needed. Security is provided with a list of authorized media outlets that have been approved to enter the building.

Media Parking
Media stations who plan on parking satellite trucks should contact the Court Operations Manager in the county you wish to cover, to ensure that they abide by parking in designated media areas. A minimum of 24-hour notice is required. (Contact information found below)

Live Shots- The media may set up for the live shots outside the courthouse. Recording inside the courthouse is NOT permitted. Please do not block any entrances or exits or security will remove you from the premises.

Additional questions may be referred to the Public Information Officer (PIO) or Court Operations Manager in the county where the case is scheduled, prior to arrival in court:

The Designated Media Point of Contact for the Fifth Judicial Circuit:
Jeffrey K. Fuller, ESQ. - Trial Court Administrator
Ph: 352-742-4393 | Email: jfuller@circuit5.org

Important Links:

Request to Record Form: Recording - State of Florida Fifth Judicial Circuit (circuit5.org)
Filming within the Courthouse: Notice
Use of Electronic Devices: Rule 2.451

☐ Citrus County Courthouse
110 N. Apopka Avenue
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 341-6700
(352) 341-7008 FAX

☐ Hernando County Courthouse
20 N. Main Street
Brooksville, FL 34601
(352) 754-4402
(352) 754-4235 FAX

☐ Lake County Courthouse
P.O. 7800/550 W. Main Street
Tavares, FL 32778
(352) 253-1600
(352) 253-1630 FAX

☐ Marion County Judicial Center
110 N.W. First Avenue
Ocala, FL 34475
(352) 401-6701
(352) 401-7883 FAX

☐ Sumter County Courthouse
215 E. McCollum Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513
(352) 569-6950
(352) 569-6985 FAX