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[General Order 11-04, dated September 6, 2011](#)

Amending Local Rule 83.3 and New Rule 83.3.2 Re: Cameras in the Courtroom

[Guidelines for Cameras in Courts Pilot](#)

The District of Massachusetts is among fourteen district courts participating in the digital video pilot of the Federal Judiciary. This pilot project allows a limited exception to the ban on cameras in the courtroom and broadcasting of district court proceedings. The three year pilot will evaluate the effect of cameras in the courtroom for civil cases.

Proceedings are recorded with the consent of the parties and the approval of the presiding judge. The presiding judge may stop a recording as necessary, for example, to protect the rights of the parties and witnesses.

Recording of the prospective jury during voir dire is prohibited, as is that of impaneled jurors or alternate jurors.

Questions regarding this district's participation in the Pilot Program should be directed to Virginia Hurley, Outreach/Training Coordinator, at 617-748-9166 or via email at ginny_hurley@mad.uscourts.gov

Related Resources

**Public & Media**[Request To Record Court Proceeding](#)**Attorneys of record**[Request To Record Court Proceeding](#)[Party Response To Request For Video Recording](#)[Request To Exempt Witness\(es\) From Video Recording](#)

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