

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
REGARDING
THE CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM PROJECT
OCTOBER 6, 2011**

The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts is one of fourteen courts participating in a three year pilot project established by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 2010 to study the use of cameras in district courtrooms for **civil** cases. The report of the Judicial Conference proceedings may be found at JCUS-SEP 10, pp. 3-4 (<http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/JudicialConference/Proceedings.aspx>). The Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management established guidelines for the pilot project. That document may be found on the US Court's website at <http://www.uscourts.gov/uscourts/News/2011/docs/CamerasGuidelines.pdf>. **The pilot project will begin on October 17, 2011.**

The local rules (83.3 and new rule 83.3.2) have been modified to conform to the project's guidelines. The modified rules may be found on the court's website at <http://www.mad.uscourts.gov/general/rules-home.htm>.

General provisions of the pilot project are:

- The pilot is limited to civil proceedings in which the parties have consented to the recording.
- Only district judges may participate in the pilot.
- Courts participating in the pilot program will record or control the recording of proceedings. Recordings by other entities or persons, unless hired by or under the control of the court, are not allowed.
- Recordings of court proceedings from all fourteen pilot courts will be uploaded to, and be accessible on, the US Courts national website at www.uscourts.gov.

A deputy clerk will notify the attorneys of record, through CM/ECF, that a scheduled hearing is eligible to be recorded as part of this pilot program, and they will be required to state whether or not they consent to recording.

The public or the media may submit a request that a hearing or trial be recorded. Regardless of the source of the request to video record, attorneys of record will be required to file a consent or declination in response. Forms for these purposes are available on the court's website at www.mad.uscourts.gov.

The court has designated Virginia Hurley as the liaison for this project. She may be reached at 617-748-9166 or by email at ginny_hurley@mad.uscourts.gov.

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