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## Cameras in the Courtroom Procedures

1. Any party to a case or a member of the media may request that a proceeding in a civil case be video recorded by completing a [Request for Video Recording](#) and emailing it to [cameras@cand.uscourts.gov](mailto:cameras@cand.uscourts.gov). **Such requests must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the proceeding at issue. Do not e-file the request.**
  - a. Requests for video recording may be submitted only in civil cases in which the presiding judge is participating in the Pilot Program (see list above).
  - b. Only one Request for Video Recording will be processed for a given proceeding; once a Notification of Request for Video Recording has been docketed with regard to a proceeding, no further requests to record that specific proceeding will be docketed.
2. Upon receipt of a request for video recording, the Clerk's Office will docket a [Notification of Request for Video Recording](#), which will set a deadline for all parties (other than the requesting party) to complete a [Party Response to Request for Video Recording](#) and email it to [cameras@cand.uscourts.gov](mailto:cameras@cand.uscourts.gov). **Do not e-file the Party Response.** All parties (except the requesting party) must submit a Party Response, which will **not** become part of the public record of the case.
3. Once all parties have consented to recording, or at least one party has declined, the Clerk's Office will docket a [Notice Regarding Proposed Video Recording](#) to inform the presiding judge, the parties and the public of the outcome of the consent process (without disclosing individual parties' decisions about video recording).
4. A party may request that a witness be exempted from the video recording of a proceeding by **filing a [Request to Exempt Witness From Video Recording](#) and emailing a copy of the request to [cameras@cand.uscourts.gov](mailto:cameras@cand.uscourts.gov). Such requests must be filed and emailed no later than 10 days prior to the proceeding at issue.**
5. After a proceeding is video recorded, it will be made available to the public via the [U.S. Courts Cameras in Courts Video Player Website \(www.uscourts.gov...\)](#), unless the presiding judge decides not to release all or part of the recording.

Questions regarding these procedures should be directed to Chief Deputy of Operations, Chris Wolpert at 415-522-2003 or via [email](#). Additional information about the Pilot Program can be found at the [U.S. Courts Cameras in Courts Website \(www.uscourts.gov...\)](#).