

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DIST. OF OHIO
WEST DIV. CINCINNATI

In Re: Adoption of a Local Rule for the
Digital Video Recording Pilot Project

GENERAL ORDER NO. 11-01

Under authority of the Rules Enabling Act (28 U.S.C. § 2071) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 83, and by unanimous vote of the District Judges of this Court, the following local rule is adopted, effective immediately, to govern this Court's participation in the national Digital Video Recording Pilot Project:

83.2 Courtroom and Courthouse Security and Decorum

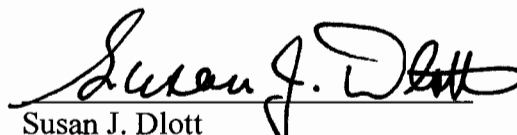
(a) No person may, without permission of the Court, operate a camera or other recording device on any floor of a United States courthouse where judicial proceedings are being conducted. No person may, without permission of the Court, operate a camera or other recording device within courtrooms, chambers, and ancillary portions of state courthouses or other buildings while in use by this Court under agreement with local authorities. Cameras and other recording devices in the possession of a person entering a building in which judicial proceedings are being conducted by this Court must, upon request, be turned over to security personnel for safekeeping and may be retrieved when leaving the building.

As an exception to this Rule, district judges participating in a pilot program established by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September, 2010 (JCUS-SEP 10, pp. 3-4), may authorize the video recording of proceedings in civil cases. Any recording or publication conducted pursuant to this pilot program must comply with the program guidelines issued from time to time by the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management (available at www.uscourts.gov.)

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(e), the Court determines there is an immediate need for this rule because the national project commences July 1, 2011. The Clerk shall post this rule on the Court's internet site and invite public comment forthwith.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: June 21, 2011


Susan J. Dlott
Chief United States District Judge