

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**LOCAL RULES**

Effective March 1, 2011

Amended in accordance with Administrative Order 2011-14  
*Order Revising Local Rule 83.2(a) Pursuant to the Guidelines for  
Cameras Pilot Project in the District Courts*  
Effective July 18, 2011

---

[www.tnwd.uscourts.gov](http://www.tnwd.uscourts.gov)

for the records of the Court, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 753, may not be removed from the office of the Clerk absent Court order.

- (c) Electronic Availability of Transcripts. The electronic availability of transcripts of proceedings shall be controlled by Admin. Orders 2008-35 and 2009-09.

**LR 83.1**

**BANKRUPTCY APPEALS**

- (a) Appeals. Bankruptcy appeals shall be handled in accordance with L.B.R. 8000-1 and L.B.R. 8006-1.
- (b) Oral Argument. Oral argument is not permitted absent a specific order of the Court.
- (c) Bankruptcy Appeals Panel. The Western District of Tennessee has adopted the use of the Bankruptcy Appeals Panel. Any rules of the Bankruptcy Appeals Panel shall supersede these rules for such appeals.

**LR 83.2**

**PHOTOGRAPHING, BROADCASTING, TELEVISIONING AND TELEPHONY**

- (a) The taking of photographs or the recording or transmission of Court proceedings or the airing of radio, television or internet broadcasts by non-Court personnel from the floors of the Courthouse occupied by the Courts during the progress of or in connection with judicial proceedings or grand jury proceedings, including proceedings before a Magistrate Judge, whether or not Court is actually in session, are prohibited; provided that photographing and broadcasting in connection with naturalization hearings, ceremonial occasions, or other special proceedings may be permitted with the approval of the Judge of the Court presiding over such proceedings.

**EXCEPTION<sup>2</sup>:** There is a limited exception to the ban on recording and publication of district court proceedings as set forth in this rule for 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) to evaluate the effect of cameras in district court courtrooms, of video recordings of proceedings therein, and of publication of such video recordings.

Any recording and publication conducted pursuant to the pilot program must comply with the program guidelines issued by the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management, pursuant to the pilot program (available at [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov)).

---

<sup>2</sup>Exception effective July 18, 2011 in accordance with Administrative Order 2011-14 for the duration of the Cameras Pilot Project in the District Courts

- (b) Cellular telephones and personal digital assistants shall be turned off while in any courtroom or chambers of the Court, unless the Court expressly allows them to be activated.
- (c) Devices and equipment used in violation of this rule shall be subject to immediate seizure.

**LR 83.4**  
**ATTORNEYS - ADMISSION**

- (a) Roll of Attorneys. The bar of this Court shall consist of all present members and those attorneys admitted in the future to practice before this Court who have taken the oath prescribed by the rules and have paid to the Clerk such fees as the Court may prescribe from time to time. No person, unless duly admitted to practice in this Court shall be permitted to appear and participate in the trial of any action or hearing of any motion except in his or her own behalf or by special permission of the Court or as provided in section (d) of this rule.
- (b) Eligibility. Any person is eligible for membership who is admitted to practice law and in good standing before the Supreme Court of Tennessee, any other state, or the District of Columbia. If the applicant is not a member of the bar of Tennessee, he or she must also be a member in good standing of a United States District Court.
- (c) Procedure for Admission. Each applicant for admission to the bar of this Court shall file with the Clerk a written petition setting forth: (a) the attorney's Board of Professional Responsibility number (or similar number, if any, from the admittee's state of licensure) and current address and telephone number, along with; (b) a certificate of good standing from the highest court of his or her state or the District of Columbia and, if not a member of the bar of Tennessee, from a United States District Court. Admission then shall be obtained only on motion made by a member in good standing of the bar of this Court. The applicant, if admitted, shall take the prescribed oath, pay the required fees and certify that he or she subjects himself or herself to the jurisdiction of the Court and has obtained, is familiar with and agrees to be bound by these Local Rules, Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8 (Rules of Professional Conduct), and the Guidelines of Professional Courtesy and Conduct (at APPENDIX C). Upon completion of all requirements for admission, the Court shall enter an order of admission. The admittee's name and Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility number (or similar number, if any, from the admittee's state of licensure) shall be inscribed on the roll of attorneys, and a certificate of admission may be issued upon application.
- (d) Permission to Participate in a Particular Case. An attorney not licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee, but who is licensed to practice and is in good standing at the bar of the highest court of any other state or the District of Columbia may be admitted specially for the purpose of acting as attorney in a case in this Court. Any attorney seeking special admission is subject to the following rules and requirements:
  - (1) An attorney seeking to participate in a particular case under this section (d) shall file a written motion, including the attorney's license number, if any, from the attorney's state of licensure, and current residence and office addresses and office telephone number, along with: