

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

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PROMULGATION OF AMENDMENT TO
RULES OF CIVIL APPELLATE PROCEDURE
RELATED TO AUDIO AND VIDEO COVERAGE
OF APPELLATE COURT PROCEEDINGS

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By separate order, we are promulgating amendments to the General Rules of Practice for the District Courts in conjunction with the implementation of a two-year pilot project allowing more extensive audio and video coverage of district court proceedings in civil cases with the consent of the district court judge. Since March 1, 2009, Rule 4.04 of the General Rules of Practice has established standards and requirements for audio and video coverage of appellate court proceedings. These standards and requirements were derived from previous court orders. As part of the 2011 amendments to the General Rules of Practice, we are deleting the provisions regarding audio and video coverage of appellate court proceedings from the General Rules of Practice. By this order, we are adding these provisions to Rule 134 of the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The attached amendment to the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure be, and the same is, prescribed and promulgated to be effective on July 1, 2011.

2. This amendment shall apply to all appeals pending on the effective date and those filed thereafter.

Dated: March 11, 2011

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lorie S. Gildea", is written over a horizontal line.

Lorie S. Gildea
Chief Justice

AMENDMENT TO RULES OF CIVIL APPELLATE PROCEDURE

In the following amendment, new material is indicated by underlining.

RULE 134. ORAL ARGUMENT

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Rule 134.10. Audio and Video Coverage of Appellate Court Proceedings

Subdivision 1. Unless notice is waived by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, notice of intent to cover appellate court proceedings by either audio or video means shall be given by the media to the Clerk of the Appellate Courts at least 24 hours prior to the time of the intended coverage.

Subd. 2. Camera operators, technicians, and photographers covering a proceeding must:

- (a) avoid activity which might distract participants or impair the dignity of the proceedings;
- (b) remain seated within the restricted areas designated by the Court;
- (c) observe the customs of the Court;
- (d) conduct themselves in keeping with courtroom decorum; and
- (e) not dress in a manner that sets them apart unduly from the participants in the proceeding.

Subd. 3. All broadcast and photographic coverage shall be on a pool basis, the arrangements for which must be made by the pooling parties in advance of the hearing. Not more than one (1) electronic news gathering camera producing the single video pool-feed shall be permitted in the courtroom. Not more than two (2) still-photographic cameras shall be permitted in the courtroom at any one time. Motor-driven still cameras may not be used.

Subd. 4. Exact locations for all camera and audio equipment within the courtroom shall be determined by the Court. All equipment must be in place and tested 15 minutes

in advance of the time the Court is called to order and must be unobtrusive. All wiring, until made permanent, must be safely and securely taped to the floor along the walls.

Subd. 5. Only existing courtroom lighting may be used.