

# **Hamilton County Juvenile Court Local Rules (Excerpted)\*\***

## **RULE 14. Broadcasting, Televising, Photographing, or Recording of Proceedings**

### **(A) Request to Broadcast, Televis, Photograph, or Record Proceedings**

Requests for permission to broadcast, televise, photograph, or otherwise record courtroom proceedings shall be submitted in writing to the judge or magistrate presiding over the hearing. The request shall be made as far in advance as is reasonably possible, but in no event later than 24 hours before the hearing to be recorded. The judge or magistrate may waive the advance notice provision for good cause.

The court shall immediately attempt to inform the attorneys for all parties of a request by the media through means most suitable to achieve actual and prompt notice of the request.

### **(B) Media Pool**

The judge or magistrate presiding over the hearing may require media representatives interested in recording courtroom proceedings to do so through the pooling of their resources as described in the Rules of Practice of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas.

### **(C) Equipment**

The media representative and/or the pool coordinator shall consult with the court in advance of the hearing about the placement of audio and video equipment. All equipment in the courtroom must be fully set up and operational before the beginning of the court proceeding. Once equipment has been positioned, media representatives shall remain in the designated area and act and operate the equipment so as not to distract the attention of the court or the parties. No changes of cassettes, film, film magazines, camera lenses, and similar supplies shall be made inside the courtroom except during a recess. Proper courtroom decorum shall be maintained at all times by media representatives, including appropriate courtroom attire.

### **(D) Victims, Witnesses and Jurors; Identification of Parties**

The filming, videotaping, recording, or photographing of a victim, witness, or juror is prohibited without specific authorization of the court. If the subject matter of the proceeding is a child, the name or identity of any party, witness, child, parent, or participant shall not be disclosed unless by specific authorization of the court.

\*\*The complete rules may be found at <http://www.juvenile-court.org>