Superior Court of California
County of Solano

Rule 17 – Miscellaneous

17.1 PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOTAPING, AND ELECTRONIC RECORDINGS

a. **PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOTAPING, AND ELECTRONIC RECORDINGS IN THE COURTHOUSE**

(1) Photography, filming, videotaping, or electronic recording by the media and general public is not permitted in any part of any courthouse, including but not limited to, entrances, exits, stairways, hallways, elevators, offices, or any other public area within the courthouse, unless by written order of the Presiding Judge.

(2) Videotaping, photographing, or electronic recording devices may be brought into the courthouse by the media or members of the public, but must be turned off while being transported in any area of the courthouse. Devices that include videotaping, photographing, digital image capture, or electronic recording capabilities—such as cell phones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), or watches—may be brought into the courthouse, provided that the image capturing and recording features are not used.

(3) Any photography, videotaping, or electronic recording of a courtroom or courtroom proceeding through the courtroom's windows or doors is prohibited.

(Subd. (a) adopted effective January 1, 2012.)

b. **PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOTAPING, AND ELECTRONIC RECORDINGS IN COURTROOMS**

Photography, filming, videotaping, or electronic recording within a courtroom is governed by California Rules of Court, rule 1.150. All requests for any type of video, still photography or audio coverage, including pool cameras, must be made in compliance with California Rules of Court, rule 1.150, and submitted to the judicial officer assigned to hear the case on the designated Judicial Council forms.

(Subd. (b) adopted effective January 1, 2012.)

c. **VIOLATIONS**

Any violation of this rule or an order made under this rule is an unlawful interference with the proceedings of the court, and may be the basis for an order terminating media coverage, a citation for contempt of court, or an order imposing monetary or other sanctions as provided by law.

(Subd. (c) adopted effective January 1, 2012.)

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17.2 COURT REPORTER TRANSCRIPTS

a. **MINIMUM TRANSCRIPT FORMAT STANDARDS**

A licensed Court Reporter or Pro Tem Reporter employed by the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, shall comply with the following transcript format standards when producing a transcript from a court proceeding:

1. There shall be no fewer than 28 typed text lines per page;
2. A full line of text shall be no less than 64 characters;
3. Font shall be Courier, 12 pt;
4. Each question and answer shall begin on a separate line;
5. Text shall begin at the closest point to the left margin (left margin is defined as the first character of a line text);
6. Q and A symbols shall appear within the first 3 spaces from the left-hand margin;
7. Beginning text shall appear 2 spaces after Q and A;
8. Carry-over Q and A lines shall begin at the left-hand margin;
9. Colloquy and paragraphed material shall begin no more than 7 spaces from the left-hand margin with carry-over colloquy to the left-hand margin;
10. Speaker identification and Q shall be on the same line; and,
11. There shall be no blank lines on the first page of the appearance drop-in/beginning paragraphs.

Failure to comply with the standards, as noted above, constitutes grounds for corrective action, up to and including termination and filing a report with the Court Reporters Board of California.
(*Subd. (a) adopted effective January 1, 2013.*)

b. **REQUEST FOR JUVENILE COURT TRANSCRIPTS BY NON-PARTY**

Any non-party requesting a reporter's transcript of a juvenile proceeding must file a *Petition for Disclosure* (Judicial Council form no. 570).
(*Subd. (b) adopted effective January 1, 2013.*)

(Rule 17.2 adopted effective January 1, 2013.)