



Superior Court  
Of Snohomish County

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 37 - 20

Prohibition of Recording of Livestream Proceedings

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Adopted: June 17, 2020

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Effective June 17, 2020, Snohomish County Superior Court hereby adopts the following standards regarding the recording of audio and/or video of livestreamed proceedings of the Court:

1. Superior Court General Rule 16 allows video recording by news media in the courtroom during and between sessions, provided the court has granted permission;
2. The Superior Court has expanded case types it will hear remotely to ensure the safety and well-being of Court staff, counsel, parties, and members of the public;
3. In order to comply with the Constitutional requirements of Open Courts, the Superior Court has established YouTube channels to livestream hearings and trials conducted via videoconference software;
4. The streamed video feed is not considered an official record of the hearing or trial;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED, that the prohibition on recording proceedings of the Superior court without prior permission extends to recording the audio or video of remote proceedings streamed to the Internet;

and it is FURTHER ORDERED, that no person may take photographs or record video or audio during remote proceedings, except with written authorization by the Presiding Judge or of the judge conducting the hearing or trial;

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and it is FURTHER ORDERED, that no person may rebroadcast, live-stream, or otherwise disseminate any live or recorded audio or video of the court proceeding, except with written authorization by the Presiding Judge or of the judge conducting the hearing;

and it is FURTHER ORDERED, that violation of this order may subject the offender to removal, contempt of court, and such other penalties as are provided by law.

Dated this 17th day of June 2020

BRUCE I. WEISS

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Bruce I. Weiss, Presiding Judge