

**IN THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER S-2024-078

RESCISSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER S-2007-038

Since 1996, this circuit has had procedures regulating the photographing, recording, and broadcasting in the lobbies, hallways, and stairwells of courthouse facilities. The purpose of these regulations was to prevent disruptions of court proceedings and avoid safety hazards. When these regulations were first established, cameras were not of the size suitable to fit into one's pocket. Nowadays smartphones abound.

The Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration regulate the media's use of cameras in the courtrooms and now grant presiding trial court judges broad discretion concerning the use of electronic devices in courthouse facilities and in individual courtrooms and hearing rooms. See Rules 2.450 and 2.451. Because these judicial administrative rules adequately regulate the use of cameras in the courthouse facilities, and based on Administrative Order S-2007-038 and its predecessor administrative orders having served their purpose, it is no longer necessary for Administrative Order S-2007-038 to remain in effect.

By the power vested in the chief judge under article V, section 2(d), Florida Constitution; section 43.26, Florida Statutes; and Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2), 2.450, and 2.451, it is ORDERED:

Administrative Order S-2007-038 (*Photographing, Recording or Broadcasting in Courthouse Facilities*) is rescinded effective immediately.

ENTERED on November 6, 2024:



Christopher C. Sabella, Chief Judge

Original: Cindy Stuart, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Copy: All Judges

Gina Justice, Court Administrator

Susan "Suzy" Lopez, State Attorney

Julianne Holt, Public Defender

Chad Chronister, Sheriff

Bonnie Wise, County Administrator

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