

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

In Re:

**REVISING LOCAL  
BANKRUPTCY RULES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORDER NO. 17-02**

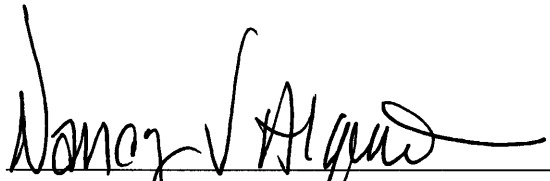
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**ORDER AMENDING LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 5073-1**

WHEREAS, this Court has determined that it is necessary to amend Local Bankruptcy Rule 5073-1 to clarify limitations on the photographing and recording of court proceedings and courthouse spaces and to provide consistency with District Court Local Rule 506, the public having received notice and an opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071, Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 9029 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the attached amendment to Local Bankruptcy Rule 5073-1 is adopted by the Judges of this Court to be effective March 1, 2017. The amendment shall be effective as to all proceedings pending in this Court on that date insofar as is just and practicable, and shall govern all proceedings in bankruptcy cases thereafter commenced in this Court.

  
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Nancy V. Alquist, Chief Judge

Dated: March 1, 2017

**RULE 5073-1**      **PHOTOGRAPHY, RECORDING AND RECORDING COURT PROCEEDINGS AND COURTHOUSE SPACES DEVICES AND BROADCASTING**

~~Unless otherwise ordered by the court, or as set forth in Administrative Order 13-3 governing the possession and use of electronic devices by the public in the bankruptcy court, no court proceeding can be photographed, videotaped, televised, recorded, reproduced, or broadcast in any way except by an official court reporter or other authorized court personnel~~

(a) Photographing, Recording, and Transmitting Court Proceedings. Unless otherwise

ordered by the court, no court proceeding may be photographed, video recorded, audio recorded, broadcast, televised, or otherwise transmitted except as follows:

(1) Judges presiding over ceremonial proceedings may authorize the use of cameras and video recorders during the proceedings.

(2) Official court reporters and official electronic recorders employed by the Clerk's Office shall record court proceedings, provided, however, that no court reporter or electronic recorder shall use or permit to be used any official recording of a court proceeding in connection with any radio or television broadcast.

(b) Photographing, Video Recording, and Televising Courthouse Spaces

(1) Courtrooms and Other Public Spaces. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, no courtroom or other public space in the courthouse may be photographed, video recorded, or televised except as follows:

(A) On the day of receptions or other social events, persons attending the event may use cameras in the space where the event is being held; and

(B) Employees of the General Services Administration (GSA) and GSA architects and contractors may use cameras in the courtrooms and other public spaces when court is not in session.

(2) Office Spaces. Cameras may not be used in any office within the courthouse except with the approval of the person in charge of the office.

(c) Penalties. Any camera, recording device, or other equipment used in violation of this Rule may be impounded. Any violation of this Rule may be treated as a contempt of court and any violator who is a member of the District Court Bar may be subjected to the disciplinary action of the District Court and/or this court.