Photographing, Recording, or Broadcasting Requests

A person or entity may seek permission to photograph, record, or broadcast public recordings.

- Requests must be submitted at least five (5) days before the proceeding.
- Requests must contain an original signature and must be submitted on the attached form.
- Submit requests to the judge who will hear the case:

State Bar Court 180 Howard Street, 6th Floor San Francisco, CA 94501-1639 State Bar Court 845 S. Figueroa Street, 3rd Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017-2515

Rule 5.16, Photographing, Recording, and Broadcasting, of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar is given below for your reference.

Rule 5.16 Photographs, Recordings, and Broadcasts of State Bar Court Proceedings

- (A) Request and Permission. A public State Bar Court proceeding may be photographed, recorded, or broadcast only on written order of the hearing judge or, if pending in the Review Department, the Presiding Judge. A request must be in the form approved by the Executive Committee and submitted to the hearing judge or Review Department at least five days before the proceeding.
- **(B) Notice.** The Clerk must notify all parties that a request has been received.
- **(C) Disposition of Request.** To decide whether to grant the request, the hearing judge or the Presiding Judge will consider the factors for nonjury proceedings set forth in California Rules of Court, rule 1.150(e)(3). The hearing judge or Presiding Judge may:
 - (1) deny the request;
 - (2) limit the requested photographing, recording, or broadcasting; or
 - (3) require the requesting person to pay any increased court-incurred costs.
- **(D)Use of Audio-Only Recordings.** When permission to audiotape is granted, the recordings must be used only as personal notes.