

Summary of Changes to the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Kansas

Effective April 12, 2021

The United States District Court for the District of Kansas amended the below Rules of Practice and Procedures effective April 12, 2021. This is a brief summary of the changes. A redlined copy of the new and affected rules highlighting the changes is included.

Changes to Local Rules

LR 5.4.7 Retention Requirements – This rule is abolished.

LR 83.2.1 Photographs, Recordings, and Broadcasts – In this rule, the second paragraph on limited exceptions was updated to include the Judicial Conference of the United States Report that approves a pilot project to evaluate streaming of live audio (JCUS-MAR 2020) and eliminated the reference to the cameras in the court pilot project.

LR 83.5.2.1 Special Admissions – Attorneys for the United States Government and the Federal Public Defender Office (New) – This rule allows certain attorneys in good standing to appear without having to comply with LR 83.5.2(a).

Redlined Copy of New and Affected Rules (effective 4/12/2021)

ABOLISHED RULE 5.4.7

RETENTION REQUIREMENTS

~~Filing Users must maintain in paper form all electronically filed documents that require original signatures of non-Filing Users until six years after all time periods for appeals expire. If the court requests, the Filing User must provide original documents for review.~~

Adopted 3/17/04. ABOLISHED 4/12/21

**AMENDMENT TO
RULE 83.2.1
PHOTOGRAPHS, RECORDINGS, AND BROADCASTS**

Except for devices used in connection with official court records, the following are prohibited in the courthouse: (1) radio or television broadcasting; and (2) the use of reproduction or recording equipment that is (a) photographic, (b) electronic, or (c) mechanical. Ceremonial proceedings such as the administration of oaths of office to appointed officials of the court, naturalization, and presentation of portraits or awards may be photographed in or broadcast from the courtroom, only with permission and under the supervision of the court. This rule does not apply to employees who work in the courthouse, or to use of courtrooms by other government agencies.

There is a limited exception to the ban on recording and publication of district court proceedings as set forth in these rules for district judges participating in a pilot program established by the Judicial Conference of the United States in March 2020 (JCUS-MAR 2020, p. 9) to evaluate streaming of live audio of oral arguments in civil cases. ~~September 2010 (JCUS-SEP 10, pp. 3-4) to study the use of cameras in district courtrooms.~~

Any recording and broadcasting conducted pursuant to the pilot program must comply with the program guidelines issued by the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management, pursuant to the pilot program (available at www.uscourts.gov).

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As amended, 4/12/21, 3/16, 9/11; 3/05 (formerly Amended D. Kan. S.O. 04-2), 9/28/87.

NEW RULE 83.5.2.1

SPECIAL ADMISSIONS –ATTORNEYS FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

Any attorney representing the United States Government, or any agency thereof, or any attorney employed by the Federal Public Defender's Office may appear in an official capacity without having to comply with D. Kan. Rule 83.5.2(a), provided the attorney is in good standing of the bar of the highest court of any state, territory, or the District of Columbia.

Adopted 4/12/21.