

Procedure Regarding Cameras in the Courtrooms of the
Court of Appeals of Maryland
and the
Court of Special Appeals of Maryland

The procedure regarding cameras in the courtrooms of the Court of Appeals and the Court of Special Appeals is stated in Maryland Rule 16-604. A summary of this Rule is as follows:

Any member of the media wishing to bring a camera into the courtroom shall follow the following procedure:

1. Send a written request to the Public Information Officer of the Maryland Judiciary Division of Government Relations and Public Affairs at least five days before the date that, if the request is granted, the use of the camera in the courtroom would occur.
2. The Court of Appeals or the Court of Special Appeals shall decide whether to grant or deny the request made with respect to the relevant court.
3. One camera only will be allowed in the courtroom. All other journalists requiring camera access to the court proceeding shall be required to feed off the one approved camera.
4. No breakdown of the camera and/or equipment shall be permitted until the proceeding has adjourned and the judges have come off the bench.
5. The Rotunda located outside of the courtroom of the Court of Appeals and the Rotunda located outside of the courtrooms of the Court of Special Appeals are available to all media so long as no disruptive behavior occurs.
6. At no time is disruptive behavior permitted.
7. At all times, Maryland Rule 16-604 shall be followed.