

USE OF THE DESIGNATED MEDIA AREA

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In Manitoba, neither the public nor the media is permitted to have cameras (still/video) inside court facilities unless prior permission of the court has been given.

A designated media area in the Winnipeg Law Courts Complex has been identified where “eligible media”, having signed this undertaking, may make use of cameras (still/video).

For the purpose of this undertaking “eligible media” is defined as media professionals employed by media organizations who wear visible photo identification authorized and issued by their media organization. A media organization, for the purpose of this definition, is one that applies professional standards of journalism and provides guidance and editorial oversight including legal advice as required, to the work of the media professionals.

Having met the definition of “eligible media”, I undertake:

1. To make video recordings or still photography only in the designated media area within the Winnipeg Law Courts Complex.

I understand this area to be limited to the rotunda area in the South East corner of the main floor in the Old Law Courts building. I will respect an imaginary line created by the entrance way to the rotunda.

2. That despite being in the designated media area, I am not permitted to film anyone or anything that is outside of the designated media area or anyone who has not consented to be filmed or photographed.
3. I will go about my business with the safety and dignity of others present in the building and with the proper decorum of the courts uppermost in my mind as I transport my equipment to and from the designated areas and while I am present in the designated media area.
4. To proceed directly from the entrance to the building to the designated media area and then return directly to the building exit when my work in the designated media area is complete.

Signed by (name and organization)

Date