

**IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
LYON AND CHASE COUNTIES, KANSAS  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2008-20**

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of Kansas has issued its Rule No. 1001 relating to media coverage of judicial proceedings; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Fifth Judicial District to be in full compliance with said rule and to adopt local rules to implement the same;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

1. Ruth A. Wheeler, Court Administrator of the District Courts, 620-341-3280, is hereby appointed and designated as media coordinator for the Fifth Judicial District; in her absence, Terry Morgan, Chief Court Services Officer of the District Courts, 620-341-3381, shall serve as media coordinator. In the event of the unavailability of both coordinators, Chris Brammer, Clerk of the District Court of Lyon County, 620-341-3284, may be contacted.
2. The media coordinator shall be responsible for consulting with the Chief Judge or any assigned trial judge to implement SCR 1001 in the District Court.
3. Neither the Court nor any staff will be available for interviews at any time during the pendency of a case, but scheduling advisories may be issued by the media coordinator or Clerk of the District Court.
4. All requests, inquiries, or scheduling for cameras or audio recording devices in a courtroom must be made through the designated media coordinator.
5. No video, still photography or interviews of persons in the public areas and/or hallways on courtroom floors in the courthouse will be permitted, except upon express authorization of the Chief Judge, or in his absence, the assigned District Judge.
6. Media representatives may obtain their information as to court events from documents filed with the Clerk of the District Court and/or from the proceedings which occur in the courtroom or from the media liaison. Court schedules, subject to daily changes, are also available on the web site at [www.lyoncounty.org](http://www.lyoncounty.org). Case files and documents in the court's chambers area are considered work in progress, and will be available for media review only upon return to the Clerk for filing.
7. This order shall be effective at 8:00 a.m., June 16, 2008 and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.
8. This order supercedes Administrative Order No. 2005-09 which is hereby revoked as of 8:00 a.m. June 16, 2008.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

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Merlin G. Wheeler, Chief Judge