

IN THE SUPERIOR AND STATE COURT FOR FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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SUPERIOR & STATE COURT
FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

**IN RE: RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF SECURITY SURVEILLANCE RECORDINGS
IN COURTROOMS, JUDICIAL HALLWAYS, AND JUDICIAL PARKING AREA**

Forsyth County Government maintains a security surveillance camera system that monitors activity inside and outside the Forsyth County Courthouse. The surveillance system digitally records both audio and visual data.

Security surveillance cameras should be used only for ensuring the safety and security of judges, employees, the public, and the integrity of the courthouse. Rule 22 of the Uniform Rules of Superior Court sets forth guidelines governing the electronic and photographic coverage of judicial proceedings. Among other things, Rule 22 (P) provides that “[a] request for installation and use of electronic recording, transmission, videotaping, or motion picture or still photography of any judicial proceedings shall be evaluated pursuant to the standards set forth in O.C.G.A. §15-1-10.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The security surveillance cameras positioned in the Forsyth County Courthouse courtrooms, judicial hallways, and the secured judicial parking area provide court security officers the ability to monitor suspicious activity from a courthouse control room. Security surveillance cameras are intended to be used only for security purposes. Only real-time transmission is permitted. The recording and retention of any audio or visual data originating from courtrooms, judicial hallways, and the secured parking area is strictly prohibited.

Court Security Officers:

Court security officers in the course of performing their official duties shall be permitted to access the security surveillance system real-time visual transmissions. Access to audio feed is prohibited.

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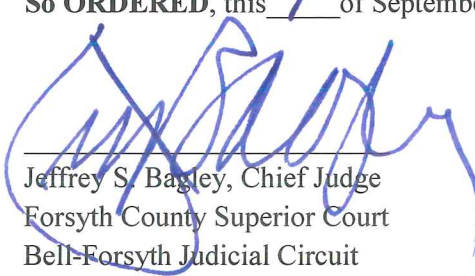
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Judicial Staff:


Judges, Judicial Assistants, and Law Clerks shall be permitted to access both the real-time audio and visual transmissions of their assigned courtroom.

No other individuals shall be permitted to access either the audio or visual transmissions without written authorization from the Chief Judge of Superior Court.

So ORDERED, this 15th of September, 2015.



Jeffrey S. Bagley, Chief Judge
Forsyth County Superior Court
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit



T. Russell McClelland III, Chief Judge
Forsyth County State Court
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit

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