

§ 6-2002. Definitions.

(A) "Expanded news media coverage" includes broadcasting, recording, photographing, and live electronic reporting of judicial proceedings by the news media for gathering and disseminating news in any medium. Expanded news media coverage is limited to the news media unless otherwise ordered by the judicial officer. Electronic device notetaking does not constitute expanded news media coverage. See § 6-2003(M).

(B) "Good cause" for exclusion and suspension under these rules means a substantial reason; one that affords a justifiable basis which is a subjective, factual question within the sole discretion of the judicial officer. A finding of good cause for exclusion or suspension of expanded news media coverage does not constitute closing in whole or in part judicial proceedings as promulgated in Neb. Ct. R. §§ 6-201 through 6-205.

(C) "Judicial officer" means the clerk magistrate, county judge, or district judge presiding in a judicial proceeding.

(D) "Judicial proceedings" or "proceedings" includes: All public trials, hearings, or other proceedings in a trial court, for which expanded news media is requested except as specifically excluded by these rules.

(E) "News media" includes any authorized representative of a news organization that has been credentialed by the Public Information Officer of the Nebraska Supreme Court. Credentials will be issued to journalists who write for newspapers or magazines with regular frequency of publication or prepare news to be broadcast on radio or television licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

(F) "News media coordinator" includes only coordinators designated by the Nebraska Supreme Court (see § 6-2004(A)).

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