

**Rule 16      LIVE BLOGGING IN THE COURTROOM**

- (a) Live blogging in the courtroom may be permitted for credentialed news media by the trial court judge in any case. "Live blogging" is defined as tweeting, emailing, or transmitting in text form any speech, summaries of speech and proceedings in the courtroom. "Credentialed news media" are persons who have received media credentials pursuant to 10th Cir. R. 15.
- (b) A trial court judge has absolute discretion to allow or not allow live blogging in the courtroom. The judge may allow live blogging on a case-by-case basis upon the request of a credentialed news media person or the judge may enter an omnibus order allowing blogging in all cases. The judge may suspend live blogging at any time.
- (c) Nothing in this local rule shall restrict the authority the trial court judge to control the conduct of the proceedings, maintain decorum and prevent distractions, guarantee the safety of all parties and participants, including jurors and the public, and ensure the fair and impartial administration of justice
- (d) All credentialed news media engaged in blogging in the courtroom must be identified by displaying the badge or credential provided by the sheriff of the county.
- (e) The sheriff of the county may designate a section of the courtroom for the credentialed news media engaged in live blogging.
- (f) All blogging devices shall be operated in a mode so that there are no audio or visual distractions to any person in the courtroom.
- (g) Video or audio recording in the courtroom is not permitted under this Rule. A violator is subject to punishment by contempt of court.