

EXTRACT FROM THE HOUSE RULES

Photography, filming and audio recording in the Palace of Justice

Photography and filming inside the building are **strictly prohibited**.

Exceptions apply to:

- a. **Members of the media** for filming and photography as part of **trial coverage** outside courtrooms, whilst respecting the personal rights of third parties;
- b. **Tourists** (point 24 of the house rules) for **exclusively private photographs** of individuals with their consent.

Under no circumstances shall wedding photographs, fashion photographs, advertising or content of any kind for online platforms or social media be permitted.

During court proceedings, it is strictly forbidden to take photographs, film or make audio recordings (Section 22 of the Media Act, Section 228(4) of the Code of Criminal Procedure). Unauthorised recordings are deemed to constitute a disruption of the proceedings; the judge may exclude the person concerned from the proceedings.

The President of the Vienna Higher Regional Court may order that no equipment capable of producing photographs, film recordings, video recordings or audio recordings may be brought into the building.

The President of the Vienna Higher Regional Court may, in individual cases and upon a reasoned application, authorise photographs, film recordings and/or audio recordings, e.g. for (historical) documentaries or for artistic or scientific purposes.

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Link to the full set of house rules:

