

On October 7, 2025, the Nebraska Supreme Court adopted the following rule amendments to Neb. Ct. R. § 6-2004:

## **CHAPTER 6: TRIAL COURTS**

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### **Article 20: Rules for Expanded News Media Coverage in Nebraska Trial Courts.**

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#### **§ 6-2004. Procedural.**

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(C) Advance notice of coverage.

(1) All requests for expanded news media coverage in all proceedings, except initial appearances in criminal cases in county court (see § 6-2003(E)), shall be made to the news media coordinator. The request must be in written form, using the forms approved by the Administrative Office of the Nebraska Supreme Court and filed with the clerk of the court where the proceedings are pending. No applicant to provide expanded media coverage shall so apply unless he or she is in good standing with these administrative credentials.

The request shall be filed at least seven business days in advance of the first proceeding in which expanded media coverage is requested. If the judicial proceeding is scheduled sooner than seven business days before the request, notice of the request shall be given as soon as practicable. An approved request for expanded media coverage of all proceedings along with all subsequent permissible proceedings (within that particular level of the court system) is authorized without additional notice subject to the court's determination that there is good cause to limit or terminate coverage for a particular hearing. If the case moves to a different level of the court system (e.g., from county court to district court), a new request for expanded news media coverage must be submitted in the new court of jurisdiction.

(2) The request for coverage shall be entered into the JUSTICE system by court staff using the assigned code. Requests are delivered to all parties and the judicial officer assigned to the case using the automated system.

(3) Requests and notices shall be given using the forms approved by the Administrative Office of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

(D) Objections to expanded news media coverage.

(1) A party to a proceeding, except an initial appearance in a criminal case in county court (see § 6-2003(E)), objecting to the request for expanded news media coverage must file a written objection using forms approved by the Administrative Office of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

The objection shall be filed at least three days before commencement of the proceeding. When the proceeding is not scheduled at least seven business days in advance, the objecting party must give notice of the objection as soon as practicable after the proceeding is scheduled.

(2) A copy of the objection ~~shall be sent electronically, delivered by ordinary mail, or delivered in person to the last known contact of all attorneys of record, parties appearing without attorney representation, Supreme Court Information Officer, the appropriate court administrator, and the judicial officer expected to preside at the proceeding for which expanded news media coverage is requested.~~ shall be entered into the JUSTICE system by court staff. Requests are delivered to all parties and the judicial officer assigned to the case using the automated system.

(3) Rulings on timely objections shall be made by the judicial officer prior to the commencement of the proceedings or as reasonably practical. The objecting party may be afforded an opportunity to present evidence by affidavit.

The judicial officer may rule on an objection on the basis of the written objection alone or on the combination of the written objection and the affidavits presented as evidence in the form of attachments to the objection.

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