

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

Notice of Proposed Amendment to 5TH CIR. R. 34.7

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071, we give notice the court is considering amending 5TH CIR. R. 34.7 as shown below. Proposed changes are shaded if viewed in paper copy, or “redline text,” if viewed electronically. Deleted language is stricken through.

We must receive written comments on the proposed change no later than July 16, 2008. You may write to:

Clerk of Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
ATTN: Rule Changes
600 South Maestri Place
New Orleans, LA 70130

or send comments electronically to Rules.Changes@ca5.uscourts.gov.

Rule 34.7. Recording of Oral Arguments. *No cameras, tape recorders, or other equipment designed for the recording or transmission of visual images or sound may be present or used during oral argument. However, with the advance approval of the presiding judge, counsel may arrange, at their own expense, for a qualified court reporter to record and transcribe oral argument. If it is the court reporter’s usual practice, the reporter may make and use a sound recording for the sole purpose of preparing an accurate transcript. The reporter ~~then must immediately destroy or erase the recording without making it available to counsel, a party, or any other person for any purpose. The court records oral argument for its exclusive use and does not make the tapes, or copies or transcripts of the recording available to counsel, the parties, or any other person.~~ may not make any recordings of the oral argument available to counsel, a party, or any other person until the court posts its recording of the oral argument on the court’s Internet website.*

Charles R. Fulbruge III
Clerk of Court