

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LASSEN

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GENERAL ORDER  
2026-01

VIEWING AND DUPLICATING RECORDS (AB 1524)

Pursuant to Government Code section 68150, as amended, and to ensure public access to court records as provided by law, this General Order effective January 1, 2026, issues the following amendments to Local Rules of Court 2(N)(2) and 15.5(a). These changes modify authority for duplication and photographing of court records as established by amendments to Government Code section 68150 enacted by AB 1524.

1. **Amendment to 2(N)(2)**

Subsection (2) of Rule 2(N) is amended to read:

- (2) **Copying and reproducing official court records.** Only judicial officers and authorized court personnel may photocopy or otherwise reproduce original, official, court case records of exhibits, except as provided below. Any such copying or reproduction for public distribution shall be done only by or under the direct supervision of such authorized personnel, subject to any established court charge for these services.

A person who is viewing a court record/file that is accessible to the public in the designated File Viewing Room at the Hall of Justice may use the person's own equipment to photograph or otherwise copy the record on the premises, in a manner that does not require the equipment to make physical contact with the record, in compliance with Government Code section 68150(1)(3)–(4). The Court may deny or limit such copying as provided in Government Code section 68150(1)(3)–(4).

No fee or cost will be charged by the Court for the act of reproducing the record when the person makes the copy using their own equipment as authorized by Government Code section 68150(1)(3). This does not waive or limit fees authorized by law for other, separate services. ~~Personal photographing or other reproduction of original court records by the public is not permitted.~~

This rule does not apply to the printing or reproduction of documents that may be posted or otherwise made available in electronic form on the court's website.

**2. Amendments to 15.5**

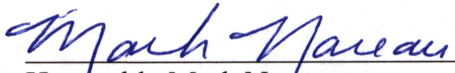
Subsection (a) of Rule 15.5 is amended to read:

- (a) Prohibited Activities. Photographing, videotaping, televising, or otherwise recording any court proceeding is prohibited unless a written request has been filed and approved by the Judge presiding at the proceeding prior to the commencement of the proceeding. No one may use a camera, camera-phone, or electronic device with a camera to transmit, record, or take pictures in any portion of the courthouse except as permitted by these rules and California Rules of Court 1.150. This rule does not prohibit a person from using the person's own equipment to photograph or otherwise copy a court record that is accessible to the public while viewing the record/file in the designated File Viewing Room at the Hall of Justice, as permitted by Rule 2(N) and Government Code section 68150(1)(3)-(4).

This General Order does not modify or alter any other authority or restriction to photograph, video, televise, or otherwise record inside any other portion of the Hall of Justice or in any proceeding as provided in other established rules, statutes, or other applicable law.

These amendments are intended to be incorporated into a future revision of the Local Rules of Court of the Superior Court of California, County of Lassen, effective July 1, 2026. Upon successful incorporation into the Local Rules of Court, this General Order shall be deemed automatically revoked and rescinded.

Dated: December 31, 2025

  
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Honorable Mark Nareau  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court