

Judicial Wellness and Broadcast Media Policies in Federal Appeals Courts

Fix the Court | Spring 2017 (updated August 2017*)

**initial information gathering occurred April-June; updates from August are underlined below*

	Judicial Wellness Committee status	Audio policy for oral argument	Video policy for oral argument
1st	Judicial wellness plan in the works; <u>"will go before the judicial council in October"</u>	Same-day audio; considering upgrading to live audio	Not allowed
2nd	No response to Fix the Court inquiry	Same-day audio	Allowed but only about once per year; rejected most recent video request for en banc Title VII case, likely due to a single judge's objection (9/26/17)
3rd	Recently implemented initiative aimed at mitigating effects of aging	Same-day audio; <u>live audio "on our radar"</u>	As of Jan. 2017, video of some arguments are recorded and posted within a day
4th	No response to Fix the Court inquiry	Same-day audio but allowed livestream for travel ban case; <u>"can't predict" regular live audio implementation</u>	Not allowed
5th	Recently implemented initiative aimed at mitigating effects of aging	Same-day audio; considering upgrading to live audio	Not allowed
6th	Currently studying health / aging issue	Same-day audio; considering upgrading to live audio	Not allowed
7th	Has informal policy where judges monitor each others' health, includes wellness-related programming at annual conferences	Same-day audio; <u>live audio "in the works"</u>	Chief Judge Wood: "We're moving forward with a plan for televising, and I expect to see it in place before too much longer" (9/15/17)
8th	<u>"Expects a formal program to be proposed and adopted within the next 12 months"</u>	Same-day audio; considering upgrading to live audio	Not allowed
9th	Created first appeals court wellness committee in 2000	Live audio	Live video
10th	Implemented 9th Circuit's wellness committee model in last few years	Must file a motion, <u>or lob a series of calls to the clerk's office</u> , to obtain argument audio	Not allowed
11th	No response to Fix the Court inquiry	Same-day audio as of Apr. 2017	Not allowed

D.C.	Has advisory committee to address aging-related issues	Same-day audio; <u>recently approved live audio but have yet to implement it as they are still waiting for a request from press or public</u>	Not allowed
Federal	<u>Has occupational health nurse on site</u>	Same-day audio	Not allowed
COTUS	Negative response to FTC question: TinyURL.com/AgingSCOTUS	End-of-week audio	Not allowed