

46. *Practice Direction No 9 of 2007 - Private audio recording of proceedings*

1. The audio recording of Court proceedings produced by Merrill Legal Solutions is and will remain the authoritative audio record of proceedings.
2. Representatives of news/media agencies are permitted to make a private audio recording of Court proceedings provided it is done unobtrusively and without interruption to the proceedings. For that purpose, a hand-held recorder may be taken into a courtroom and activated
3. The purpose of permitting such recording is to maintain accuracy in the reporting of Court proceedings. The audio content of the recording may not be broadcast, copied, downloaded or provided to any other person or organisation unless provision is to legal advisors for the purposes of obtaining legal advice in connection with the recording and publication of its content.
4. The person who makes the private audio recording or the employer for whom the recording is made must retain possession of the recording and not edit or delete the recording for a minimum period of three months following the making of the recording or for such period as a Judge of the Court may order.
5. This Practice Direction does not impinge on the right of a Judge to revise, subsequently, a judgment delivered extempore; or a Judge's right, in a particular case, to prohibit recording should the Judge consider prohibition necessary or desirable.

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