

Yale Law School

Policy Regarding Recordings by Faculty Members, Staff, Students, and Invited Guests

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The purpose of this policy is to foster a spirit of trust and promote the open exchange of viewpoints and ideas within the Law School community. This policy applies to all Yale Law School faculty members,¹ staff, students, and invited guests.

Prohibition on Surreptitious Recordings

It is expected that faculty, staff, students, and invited guests will engage openly and forthrightly with others in educational settings and in the workplace. To that end, this policy prohibits all forms of recording that are illegal under Connecticut law. In addition, this policy prohibits the surreptitious recording of meetings and activities on Law School property or sponsored by the Law School or by an official Law School organization, whether by telephone, audio, video, Zoom or another virtual platform technology, or other recording device. Recording devices may only be used in an overt and conspicuous manner so that it readily is apparent to all parties that a recording or record of the event is being made.

Recording for research purposes is subject to requirements, approval, and consent in accordance with university research policies.

Recording of Classes

Students may not record course content, such as lectures, discussions, presentations, critiques, or performances unless they obtain the instructor's written permission before recording. In the event a faculty member gives permission, recordings must not be transmitted or distributed without the written consent of all participants who are recorded. Recordings of a class made by the Law School and provided to a student by the Law School are for private study use only and are not to be shared, altered, or posted. Any such recording saved to a student's personal device or computer is to be deleted by the end of the term or upon completion of the course, whichever comes first.

¹ As used herein, a "faculty" member is anyone, except students, who has been voted an academic appointment by the Governing Board or the Tenured Faculty.