

**Table 4. Expanded Media Coverage Summary Statewide  
South Dakota Unified Judicial System  
FY2012 through FY2022 Combined**

The Supreme Court of South Dakota adopted court rules effective July 1, 2011, that allowed for the expanded media coverage of the trial courts in South Dakota. Under these rules expanded media coverage consisting of audio, still photo, or video coverage is allowable when parties and the court all agree that such coverage should be permitted. In addition, audio coverage of a proceeding is allowed when the court determines that such audio coverage is appropriate, even if all parties have not consented to expanded media coverage. Under either option, certain proceedings such as juvenile hearings and portions of other proceedings closed by state law are not subject to expanded media coverage. The judge also retains the power to terminate coverage if such action is determined appropriate. The Supreme Court has permitted expanded media coverage of its proceedings since 2001. The information below is a summary of the requests in the trial courts since FY2012.

CIRCUIT	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	TOTAL
<b># of Requests Received</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Request Type:</b>								
Full Access	15	57	7	1	6	1	6	93
Audio Only Access	1	0	6	0	1	0	0	8
Audio & Video Access	4	7	0	0	0	4	0	15
Audio & Still Camera Access	3	2	1	1	3	2	0	12
<b>Decision:</b>								
Full Coverage Granted	0	6	2	0	0	1	0	9
Audio Only Granted	10	31	3	0	1	5	0	50
Access Denied	12	14	2	2	7	1	6	44
Video Only Granted	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Decision Pending/No Disposition	1	14	7	0	2	0	0	24

