

Rule 615. Excluding Witnesses.

At a party's request, the court must order witnesses excluded so that they cannot hear other witnesses' testimony. Or the court may do so on its own. But this rule does not authorize excluding:

(a) a party who is a natural person;

(b) an officer or employee of a party that is not a natural person, after being designated as the party's representative by its attorney;

(c) a person whose presence a party shows to be essential to presenting the party's claim or defense;

(d) a victim in a criminal ~~or juvenile delinquency~~ proceeding where the prosecutor agrees with the victim's presence;

(e) a victim counselor while the victim is present unless the defendant establishes that the counselor is a material witness in that criminal ~~or juvenile delinquency~~ proceeding; or

(f) a person authorized by statute to be present.

Effective November 1, 2023.

2011 Advisory Committee Note. The language of this rule has been amended as part of the restyling of the Evidence Rules to make them more easily understood and to make class and terminology consistent throughout the rules. These changes are intended to be stylistic only. There is no intent to change any result in any ruling on evidence admissibility.