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SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUITSHERRYA. DOTY
CIRCUIT CLERKMACON COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2022-1**SUBJECT: Portable Electronic Device Policy**


- A. "Portable Electronic Devices" are mobile devices capable of electronically storing, accessing, or transmitting information and is defined to include personal computers, tablet computers, mobile telephones (including cell phones and any form of telephone with cameras and audio and video recording and transmission capabilities), electronic calendars, e-book readers, smartwatches, or similar devices. Portable Electronic Devices being used in the Macon County Courts Facility can interfere with the administration of justice and may cause a threat to safety or security. As such, they are generally prohibited from being carried into the Macon County Courts Facility, except as provided for in this Order.
- B. The taking of photographs, audio and video recordings are generally prohibited without prior approval of a judge or as governed by Illinois Supreme Court Rule 44. No court visitor may use a Portable Electronic Device to communicate or attempt to communicate with any potential juror or juror at any time. No court visitor may use a Portable Electronic Device to harass, intimidate, or communicate about given testimony with any witness at any time.
- C. Cameras, video cameras, video recording equipment and recording devices not classified as Portable Electronic Devices are not allowed in the courthouse, unless permitted by the Chief Judge of the Circuit, and on such conditions as ordered, for ceremonial events such as marriages, investitures, and graduations in problem solving courts or as outlined in the Policy for Extended Media Coverage in the Circuit Courts of Illinois and Illinois Supreme Court Rule 44.
- D. Court visitors using a Portable Electronic Device, or possessing other electronic devices, in violation of this or any other court order or policy may be removed from the courthouse, found in contempt of court, or subject to penalties as provided by law. Any Portable Electronic Device used in violation of an order may be confiscated and held until the possessor leaves the courthouse. Court personnel shall not be responsible or liable for any damage to or loss of a confiscated or stored Portable Electronic Device.
- E. Storage for Portable Electronic Devices shall be available at no cost to court visitors at the security entrance.
- F. The provisions of this Order shall apply with regard to all proceedings except:
 - 1. Recording of the court record pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 46.
 - 2. Incidental to non-judicial, ceremonial or educational proceedings such as: weddings, induction ceremonies, graduation ceremonies, award ceremonies, dedication ceremonies, mock trials, seminars, speeches,

demonstrations, training sessions, journalistic undertakings, public awareness activities and any similar events and activities.

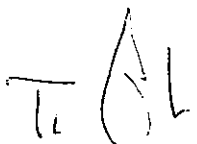
3. Persons admitted to practice law in the State of Illinois, or admitted *pro hac vice*; members of the press in possession of and displaying credentials issued by a regularly published or broadcast news organizations; employees of Macon County; and law enforcement personnel. Pursuant to this paragraph F3, communicating via Portable Electronic Devices or use of other electronic devices is allowed in the public hallways and conference rooms adjacent to said hallways, provided that such use does not interfere with the use of said premises by others present. Any Portable Electronic Device or other electronic device brought into a courtroom must be turned to silent mode.
4. In special circumstances as authorized by the Presiding Judge.

The purpose of this Order is to implement the provisions of the Supreme Court Rules, for the orderly administration of justice, and court security and shall not be applied in such a way as to conflict with any Supreme Court Rule. This Order supercedes Macon County Administrative Order No. 2011-4.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPROVED pursuant to Sixth Circuit Rule 1.3(b),
effective January ___, 2022.



Randall Rosenbaum, Chief Judge



Thomas Griffith, Presiding Judge