

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

F25-DW.1

IN RE: WIRELESS PORTABLE DEVICES IN THE COURTROOM

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that except as provided, all forms, means, and manner of taking photographs, tape recordings, videotaping, broadcasting, or televising are prohibited in a First Judicial District courtroom during the course of, or in connection with, any judicial proceedings whether the court is actually in session or not. This rule does not prohibit recordings by a court reporter or judicial electronic recorder. No court reporter or any other person may use or permit to be used any part of any recording of a court proceeding on or in connection with any radio, videotape or television broadcast of any kind.

- 1). A judge may, however, permit the use of electronic or photographic means for the presentation of evidence or the perpetuation of a record, and/or the broadcasting, televising, recording, or photographing of investiture, ceremonial, or other purposes.
- 2). Upon request, the presiding judge may, in his or her discretion, allow remote audio access to any member of the public in any non-trial proceeding. Those granted remote access are subject to the recording and broadcasting limitations outlined above.

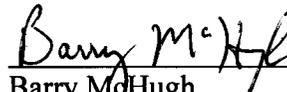
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that due to the increased reliance on wireless devices, portable wireless communication devices such as cell phones, smart phones (including Androids, BlackBerrys and iPhones), PDAs and laptops (including iPads) may be allowed in the courtroom so long as they do not either disrupt Court proceedings or pose a security threat. Cell phone calls cannot be either made from or answered in the courtroom. All such devices must be either turned off, set to the silent, or vibrate mode. Using any wireless device for surreptitious communication or unauthorized filming, photographing, recording, or transmitting of court proceedings, images of jurors and/or witnesses is strictly prohibited. The foregoing restrictions also apply to all jurors. Furthermore, jurors may not use cell phones during deliberations nor use wireless devices with internet access to research issues or access court files during the course of the trial.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a presiding judge may, in his or her complete discretion, require that all wireless communication devices be set to silent mode or prohibit all such devices in their courtroom.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that failure to comply with this Order may result in a person's removal from the courtroom and/or confiscation of their wireless device. Further, and at the discretion of the presiding judge, failure to comport with this Order may result in sanctions, including but not limited to an immediate criminal contempt proceeding pursuant to Idaho Code §18-1801 and Idaho Rule of Civil Procedure 75.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order does not affect or alter Idaho Court Administrative Rule 45.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2025.



Barry McHugh
Administrative District Judge

cc:

Elected Clerks of the First Judicial District of Idaho
Trial Court Administrator, Lisa Chesebro
Administrative Director of the Courts