



**Livingston County Circuit Court
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Judicial Center**

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Joint Judicial Policy 2015-1

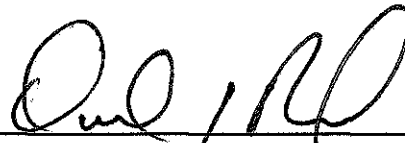
**POLICY REGARDING CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND OTHER
DEVICES IN COURT FACILITIES**

1. No person, except those listed below, shall possess or use cellular telephones, or any other electronic devices, in the Judicial Center located at 204 South Highlander Way, Howell, Michigan, 48843, 53rd District Court located at 224 North First Street, Brighton, Michigan, 48116, and the Friend of the Court located at 210 South Highlander Way, Howell, Michigan 48843 (subsequently referred to as court facilities).
2. This prohibition does not apply to the following:
 - a.) employees of the Livingston County 44th Circuit Court, Probate Court, 53rd District Court, Livingston County Clerk, Michigan Department of Corrections, Livingston County Prosecutor's Office and Friend of the Court;
 - b.) attorneys who present satisfactory proof of current membership with the State Bar of Michigan and picture identification to security personnel;
 - c.) law enforcement personnel;
 - d.) court security personnel;
 - e.) judges whether active, retired or assigned as visiting;

- f.) county employees or subcontractors who are at the court facilities to perform services authorized by the Court(s) or County administration;
 - g.) employees of the Supreme Court Administrator's Office; and
 - h.) litigants with a court order to produce a cell phone to be used as evidence in a court proceeding.
3. All persons entering the court facilities may not use or possess electronic devices or cell phones unless permission is given by the presiding judge. Electronic devices include but are not limited to, any equipment capable of recording, sending, receiving or transmitting electronic information, other than cell phones. You may bring a cell phone or electronic device into a court facility to satisfy conditions of probation or parole when authorized by a judge or for a professional meeting with court staff or judges, limited to the specific meeting date and time, when authorized by the meeting coordinator. The form for these exceptions is **Request for Order Permitting Possession of Electronic Devices.**
4. Use of cellular telephones is prohibited in courtrooms unless permission is given by the presiding judge.
5. This policy is not intended to interfere with media coverage provided for in Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-01.
6. All persons, their belongings, and all parcels are subject by sheriff's deputies, court officers, and security personnel for the purpose of keeping cellular telephones and electronic devices from entering and/or remaining in a court facility.

7. Notice shall be posted regarding this policy at the Judicial Center located at located at 204 South Highlander Way, Howell, Michigan, 48843, 53rd District Court located at 224 North First Street, Brighton, Michigan, 48116, and the Friend of the Court located at 210 South Highlander Way, Howell, Michigan 48843
8. Persons in violation of this policy may be subject to a fine, confiscation of the cell phone or electronic device, and incarceration for contempt of court.

Dated: March 20, 2015



Honorable David J. Reader
Chief Judge of the 44th Circuit Court,
53rd District Court and
47th Probate Court