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Clerk, U.S. District Court  
District of Montana  
Missoula Division

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA

IN RE: ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN  
PROCEEDING BEFORE THE  
HONORABLE DONALD W.  
MOLLOY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 22-5

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that personal electronic devices, including but not limited to tablets, cameras, phones, or laptop computers, whether capable of transmitting or recording or not, must not be used or possessed in any proceeding before the undersigned without the prior approval of the court. Upon entry to a courthouse and upon demand, all such devices are subject to security screening and screening for compliance with this rule. Devices not subject to an exception must be left with court security officers. This prohibition does not apply in the following circumstances:

(A) Employees of the clerk of court, chambers, the United States Probation Office, and the United States Marshals Service, contract court security officers, and building managers and General Services Administration employees may use personal electronic devices.

(B) Attorneys appearing before the court in a calendared matter, including

scheduling conferences, may use personal electronic devices that are not disruptive or distracting. Use must be limited to purposes related to the appearance. Personal electronic devices may not be used to communicate publicly about the case.

Photography, video-recording, and verbatim recording are prohibited. Audible rings or alarms are prohibited. In courtrooms, voice communication using personal electronic devices is prohibited. In sealed proceedings, personal electronic devices may not be used for communication. An attorney may authorize an employee to use a device in compliance with this paragraph, but the attorney is exclusively responsible for the employee's conduct.

(C) Employees of the United States Attorney's Office or the U.S. Department of Justice, federal agents or other law enforcement officers, and federal employees holding a federal Personnel Identity Verification card may use personal electronic devices subject to the limitations in (B).

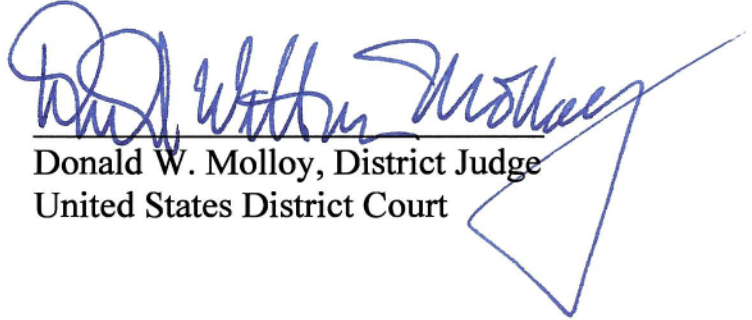
(D) Court reporters employed by or acting pursuant to contract with the court may use personal electronic devices. Photography and video-recording are prohibited. In courtrooms, personal electronic devices must not be used for voice communication and must not use audible rings or alarms.

(E) Persons who rely on personal electronic devices for medical reasons may use their devices. Photography and video-recording are prohibited.

(F) By written order, additional authorized use of personal electronic devices

in administrative proceedings and photography or video-recording on ceremonial occasions, such as naturalization or investiture proceedings, may be allowed.

DATED this 2nd day of March, 2022.

  
Donald W. Molloy, District Judge  
United States District Court