

STATE OF MICHIGAN



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Hon. Richard Wygonik

NINETEENTH DISTRICT COURT

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Administrative Order 2009-13

POLICY ON USE OF CELL PHONES/PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Pursuant to MCR 8.115(c), this policy governs the use of electronic communication devices in the 19TH District Court. Electronic communication devices include cell phones, pagers, two way portable radios, lap top computers, and any other electronic device that possesses the capability of communicating information from one person to another.

1. Electronic communication devices must be turned off or set to silent mode prior to entering a courtroom.
2. No electronic communication devices may be used in any courtroom, unless authorization is given by the chief judge or the judge assigned to that courtroom.
3. Jurors are not permitted to use electronic communication devices while in attendance at trial or during deliberation. (See MCR 2.516[H][2])
4. No photographs may be taken of any jurors or witnesses.
5. No photographs may be taken inside any courtroom without permission of the court.
6. Failure to comply with this policy may result in a fine, including confiscation of the device, incarceration, or both for contempt of court.

Effective Date: January 1, 2010

12.30.2009
Date:


Mark W. Somers, Chief Judge