

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA**

**IN RE CELL PHONES,
COMPUTERS, ELECTRONIC
READERS, CAMERAS, AUDIO
RECORDERS, AND WIRELESS
COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN
THE COURTHOUSES OF THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA**

**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**No. 17-AO-0008-P
(Supercedes No. 07-AO-0009-P)**

The following rules govern the use of cell phones, computers, electronic readers, cameras, audio recorders, and wireless communication devices (herein collectively referred to as “the devices”) in the courthouses in the Northern District of Iowa.

The devices are not allowed in the courthouses of the Northern District of Iowa with the following exceptions:

1. Employees of the courthouse tenants may bring the devices into the courthouse with no limitations except those imposed by the employer.
2. Any person who is being escorted by an employee of a courthouse tenant, provided the device(s) may not be taken into a courtroom and may not be activated or used other than in the tenant’s space, subject to any restrictions imposed by the tenant in the tenant’s space.
3. Approved contractors present in the courthouse to perform work for tenants, licensed attorneys, and law enforcement agents may bring the devices into the courthouse, provided:
 - (a) The devices are turned off while in a courtroom (except the devices may be used in a courtroom to view, play, or display exhibits offered in any proceeding);

- (b) The devices are disabled from making an audible sound or making audio or video recordings when the person is present in or in the vicinity of a courtroom, except when being used in the courtroom to view, play, or display exhibits offered in any proceeding;
- (c) The devices are not used to photograph the person of, or record the voice of, any person in the courthouse (except as may be authorized by any tenant of the courthouse within that tenant's leased space);
- (d) The devices are not used to transmit testimony or any photographs during a court proceeding; and
- (e) The approved contractor, licensed attorney, or law enforcement agent does not allow another person to use any such device unless that other person would be authorized to use a similar device under these rules.

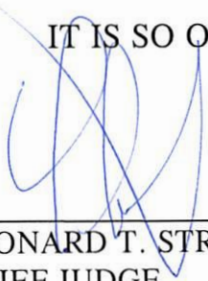
4. A person selected to serve on a petit or grand jury panel may bring a cell phone or electronic reader into the courthouse provided:

- (a) The cell phone or electronic reader is not brought into the courtroom or grand jury room;
- (b) The cell phone or electronic reader is disabled from making an audible sound;
- (c) The cell phone or electronic reader is not used to take any photograph or make any audio or video recording;
- (d) The cell phone or electronic reader is only used at breaks in the proceedings; and
- (e) Any petit juror must surrender the cell phone or electronic reader to the Clerk of Court while the jury is in deliberations.

5. In addition to any other federal or state statutes, failure to comply with this Order is punishable by criminal contempt under 18 U.S.C § 401, by fine or imprisonment or both.

This Order is effective immediately.

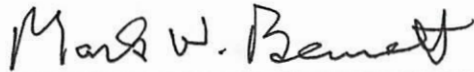
IT IS SO ORDERED this 25th day of August, 2017.



LEONARD T. STRAND
CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA



LINDA R. READE
DISTRICT JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA



MARK W. BENNETT
DISTRICT JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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C.J. WILLIAMS
CHIEF MAGISTRATE JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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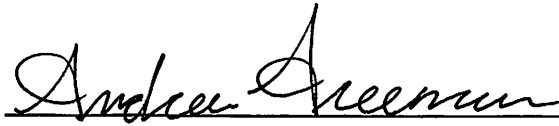


KELLY K.E. MAHONEY
MAGISTRATE JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

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