

1 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

EFFECTIVE
November 28, 2022

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5 In re:)
6 **USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN**) **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-05**
7 **THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY**)
8 **COURTS FOR THE DISTRICT OF**)
9 **NEVADA**)

10 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the following policy concerning the use of electronic
11 devices is adopted for the Bankruptcy Courts in the District of Nevada. This policy is applicable
12 to each of the Bankruptcy Court locations in the Foley Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in
13 Las Vegas, and in the C. Clifton Young Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in Reno
14 (collectively, the “Courthouses”). This Administrative Order is adopted to ensure that procedures
15 in the Bankruptcy Courts located in the Courthouses remain consistent with General Order
16 2022-06 of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, pursuant to which the
17 District Court’s General Orders 2017-02 and 2018-02 were superseded.

18 Any electronic device brought into a courthouse is subject to screening pursuant to Local
19 Rule IA 2-1.

20 Electronic devices smart phones, tablets, laptop computers or other devices having wireless
21 communication capability may be brought into the courthouses. Except for courtrooms, such
22 devices may be used in public areas to make telephone calls and to transmit and receive data
23 communications, such as email or text messages, or to access the Internet.
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25 For reasons of privacy, safety, and security, use of these devices to take photographs or for
26 audio or video recording or transmission is prohibited in security screening areas as well as all
27 floors containing a courtroom, judges’ chambers, or other court space including clerk’s office, jury
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1 assembly room, probation, and pretrial offices. Photography of judicial officers or court staff
2 within the public areas of the courthouses is prohibited without their permission.


3 In courtrooms, such devices may be used to take notes, transmit and receive data
4 communications, and access the Internet. Such devices may not be used for telephone calls,
5 photographs or audio or video recording or transmission. Telephone ringtones and other functional
6 sounds produced by devices must be disabled while in the courtroom. Persons are not permitted to
7 receive or make phone calls during court proceedings – except for U.S. Marshals, court security
8 officers and court staff as required to perform their official duties. Jurors must leave electronic
9 devices in the jury room during court proceedings (except for wearable electronic devices such as
10 a watch). A presiding judge may prohibit or further restrict the use of such devices during a
11 proceeding.
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14 Naturalization, investitures, or other ceremonial proceedings may be photographed,
15 recorded, transmitted, or broadcasted only with the approval of the chief judge or judge presiding
16 over the ceremony. Advance permission of the chief judge is required for members of the bar,
17 media, and public wishing to photograph, video record, or audio record for any other reason.
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19 Failure to comply may result in confiscation of such devices, and or, issued a violation
20 notice.
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22 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

23 Dated this 28th day of November 2022.
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28 August B. Landis, Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
District of Nevada