

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

In Re:

ELECTRONIC DEVICES
IN THE COURTHOUSE,

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 13-3

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING THE POSSESSION
AND USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES BY THE PUBLIC
IN THE BANKRUPTCY COURT**

Under Local Bankruptcy Rule 5073-1, the Court has generally prohibited photography, video recording, audio recording, broadcasting, or transmission of court proceedings. In furtherance of this rule and to provide clarification to visitors to the courthouse, it is hereby

ORDERED, that visitors to the courthouse and counsel may bring electronic devices into the courthouse provided they have been subject to a security inspection and cleared by security officers upon entrance to the courthouse¹; and it is further

ORDERED, that visitors to the courthouse and counsel may use cellular phones and transmit wireless data through mobile devices in the public areas of the courthouse provided these devices are not used for taking photographs or any audio or video recording. Members of this Court's bar may use these devices in the designated attorney lounges; and it is further

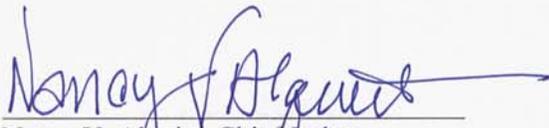
ORDERED, that visitors to the courthouse must turn off all electronic devices before entering a courtroom and may not use electronic devices in a courtroom without the permission of the presiding judge; and it is further

ORDERED, that counsel may use electronic devices in the courtroom provided the presiding judge has no objection; the devices emit no sound while in use; and the devices are not used for any activity prohibited by Local Bankruptcy Rule 5073-1; and it is further

¹For purposes of this Order, "visitors to the courthouse" includes, but is not limited to prospective jurors, members of the media, and case litigants.

ORDERED, that this Order shall apply to the federal courthouses of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland sitting at Baltimore, Greenbelt, and Salisbury, Maryland, as well as any alternative locations where the Court may sit in the District of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED, that nothing in this Order shall limit or expand the photography and recording exceptions permitted under United States District Court Local Rule 506. A judge sponsoring an event at the courthouse may authorize the photographing or recording of courthouse spaces so long as the photographing or recording is not prohibited by United States District Court Local Rule 506.1.



Nancy V. Alquist, Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court

Dated: February 13, 2013