

Discretion of Judicial Officers

11. Nothing in this policy affects the authority of the presiding judicial officer(s) to determine what, if any, use can be made of electronic devices in a courtroom.

Publication Bans, Sealing Orders, Restrictions on Publication

12. Nothing in this policy alters the effect of a publication ban, sealing order or other restriction imposed by statute or the court, limiting the publication of information.
13. Anyone using an electronic device to transmit information from a courtroom has the responsibility to identify and comply with any publication bans, sealing orders, or other restrictions that have been imposed either by statute or by court order.

Penalties

14. A person using an electronic device in a manner prohibited in this policy may be subject to one or more of the following sanctions:
 - a. a direction to turn off the electronic device;
 - b. a direction to leave the courtroom;
 - c. a direction to forfeit the media accreditation card to the satisfaction of the court;
 - d. citation, and prosecution for contempt of court;
 - e. prosecution for any violation of a publication ban, sealing order, or other restriction on publication;
 - f. a direction to remove photographs, video images, or audio recordings from social media; or
 - g. any other direction or order of the court.

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