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SO 1.93 Possession and Use of Electronic Devices in the Courthouse


Electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, laptops, and tablets, may be brought into any courthouse of the Western District of Louisiana, subject to the following:

- (A) All electronic devices must be visually inspected and x-rayed by a Court Security Officer.
- (B) All electronic devices must be **turned off** (not placed in airplane mode or on silent or vibrate function) at all times inside the courtroom unless
 - (1) the device is being used for the presentation of evidence or argument, or
 - (2) permission has been obtained from the presiding judge.
- (C) Electronic devices may **not** be used to make a photograph, video, audio recording, or to post to social media of any type. This rule applies at all times to the entire courthouse and whether court is in session or not.
- (D) Electronic devices may be used outside the courtroom, so long as they do not disrupt court proceedings.
- (E) Anyone who violates these rules may be subject to suspension or limitation of the privileges contained in this Standing Order or to punishment for contempt of court.

The possession of electronic devices by jurors may be subject to additional rules, as determined by the presiding judge on a case-by-case basis.

The provisions of this Standing Order may be suspended or modified without notice in the event that the Court, the U.S. Marshals Service, or another federal agency declares a need for a heightened level of security at any courthouse of the Western District of Louisiana.

Effective Date: 9-10-2021



S. MAURICE HICKS, JR
LOUISIANA WESTERN DISTRICT
CHIEF JUDGE