

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

POLICY

Regarding the possession and use of electronic and other devices in courtrooms and hearing rooms

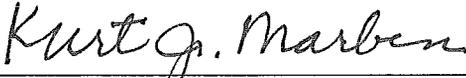
It is the policy of the Ninth Judicial District that electronic and other devices including, but not limited to, cellular and smart telephones, laptop and tablet-style computers, recording and photographic equipment are banned from any courtroom or hearing room in the district, with the following exceptions:

- Licensed attorneys may carry and use electronic devices for work purposes while participating in hearings or trials, or while meeting with clients;
- Pro se litigants may carry and use electronic devices while participating in hearings or trials, but only with prior approval from the presiding judge.
- Other individuals may possess and use devices as noted above upon request to and approval by the presiding judge.
- Use of such devices in court areas for ceremonial and educational purposes shall be allowed with appropriate permission.

Such usage must be done in a non-distracting manner. While in any courtroom electronic devices shall be kept muted, shall be used only for data entry/retrieval purposes, shall not be used for audio/video recording or photographs and shall not be used for incoming or outgoing calls. All persons appearing in District Court must maintain appropriate decorum as outlined in court rules and as established by the presiding judge.

Date: March 28, 2014

By the Court:


Kurt Marben, Chief Judge