

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HOWARD COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 06-03

PHOTOGRAPHIC, RECORDING AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

It is this 30th day of October, 2006, by the undersigned Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court for Howard County,

ORDERED, that no audio or photographic recording equipment of any kind, including without limitation any device such as a cell phone or personal digital assistant that is capable of making a photographic image, will be allowed in the Circuit Court Building, either openly or concealed. Exceptions to this Order shall be granted for adoption proceedings, marriage ceremonies and high school mock trial competitions. In addition, exception may be granted by an Agency Department Head to allow audio or photographic recording equipment within the confines of their Offices only. Additional exception to this Order may be granted by the Administrative Judge.

It is further **ORDERED**, that no electronic devices, including but not limited to pagers, beepers, personal digital assistants, computers, and cell phones, shall be on or turned on while in the courtrooms. Exception to this Order may be granted, in advance, by the Administrative Judge or the presiding Judge for the appropriate courtroom.

It is further **ORDERED**, that no electronic devices, including but not limited to pagers, beepers, personal digital assistants, computers, and cell phones, shall be permitted in the jury deliberation rooms, either openly or concealed, during jurors' deliberations.

It is further **ORDERED**, that anyone who brings a prohibited device into the Court House and/or uses a permitted device in the courtroom, without the requisite prior permission being granted, shall risk forfeiture of the device and/or be subject to contempt of court proceedings.

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Diane O. Leasure
County Administrative Judge