



## Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties - District 3 Cell Phone Policy

- Any individual who willfully violates Maryland Rule 16-208 and/or the limitations imposed by this policy may be found in contempt of court and may be subject to sanctions in accordance with the Maryland Rules, Title 15, Chapter 200.
- This policy pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-208, applies to **everyone**, including attorneys (public defenders, state's attorneys, and private), and law enforcement officers, **without exception**.
- All electronic devices must remain OFF and INOPERABLE inside the courtroom unless the presiding judge has given express permission in a specific instance.
- Cell phones must be completely off while in the courtroom.
- The wearing of Bluetooth earpieces and/or other similar devices and accessories is prohibited in the courtroom **at all times**.
- Security personnel or other court personnel may confiscate and retain an electronic device that is used in violation of these restrictions and prohibitions subject to further order of the court. No liability shall accrue to the security personnel or any other court official or employee for any loss or misplacement or damage to the device.
- The taking, recording, or transmitting of photographs, videos, or other visual images by cell phone or any other device is prohibited in the court facility at all times, unless the court expressly grants permission in a specific instance.
- An electronic device may not be used in a manner that interferes with the court proceedings or the work of court personnel or that violates any court order.

Hon. Bonnie G. Schneider, Administrative Judge