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IN THE MATTER OF:)
COMMUNICATION DEVICES)
IN THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA)
_____)

GENERAL ORDER 2018-02

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the following policy concerning communication devices in courtrooms and hearing rooms is hereby adopted for the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. Local Rule IA 2-1 (b) and (c) are superseded by this General Order.

PROHIBITED COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Video and audio recorders, still cameras, and video cameras capable of recording, reproducing, and transmitting (wireless or not) are not permitted in federal courthouses, unless authorized under LR 1A 2-1 (e).

Exception: The presiding judge may authorize broadcasting, televising, recording, or taking photographs in courtrooms and in adjacent areas during investitive, naturalization, or other ceremonial proceedings.

RESTRICTED COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Other electronic devices including wearable devices (e.g., Apple Watch), smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptop computers, or other cellular-type communication equipment are permitted in courtrooms and hearing rooms only if they are turned off, or on silent, vibrate, or airplane mode. Use of these devices for communication is only permitted outside of courtrooms and hearing rooms. Note: jurors must leave electronic devices, other than wearable ones (e.g., Apple Watch), in the jury room during court proceedings.

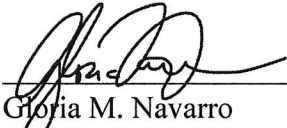
Exceptions: U.S. Marshals, court security officers, and court staff are permitted to use devices for communication in courtrooms or hearing rooms as required to perform their official duties. Attorneys are permitted to use devices at the counsel table during their proceeding; however, attorneys are not permitted to make or receive phone calls in courtrooms or hearing rooms.

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PROHIBITED TYPES OF COMMUNICATION

The following types of communication are prohibited in courtrooms and hearing rooms (except when authorized for ceremonial proceedings as noted above): video and audio recording, live streaming video; posting videos, texts, and pictures to the internet including social media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, YouTube, and Periscope); or posting content instantaneously to blogs and other websites.

Dated this 29 day of May, 2018.



Gloria M. Navarro
Chief United States District Judge