



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES

At their regular meeting on March 4, 2024, the Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan approved amendments to LR 83.32, Possession and Use of Electronic Devices in Federal Court Facilities. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 83, the proposed amendments were previously published for comment.

These amendments will be effective April 1, 2024.

[Additions are indicated by underline, and deletions by strikethrough.]

LR 83.32 Possession and Use of Electronic Devices in Federal Court Facilities

(a) [Unchanged]

(b) **Exempted Persons and Uses** ~~Permitted and Prohibited Practices~~

(1) [Unchanged]

(2) Exempted Persons - Subject to subparagraph (c), below, the following persons are permitted to carry and use Electronic Devices within federal court facilities in the Eastern District of Michigan:

(A)– (H) [Unchanged]

(I) Attendees at Naturalization Ceremonies may use a Personal Electronic or Computing Device only to take still photographs in the Detroit Room or any courtroom in which the ceremony takes place.

(3) – (5) [Unchanged]

(c) **Conditions for authorized use of Personal Electronic Devices**

Unless express permission to the contrary is given by the presiding judicial officer, the following conditions and restrictions apply to those individuals authorized to carry a Personal Electronic Device:

(1) – (5) [Unchanged]

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(6) Prospective jurors and seated jurors may bring into a Federal Court facility their Personal Electronic Device, and electronic book readers of any kind, including but not limited to Kindles, Nooks, iPads, and any type of electronic tablet reading device, but may not use the device ~~in~~ ~~on~~ any way except upon permission of a judicial officer. No juror may use an electronic device to access the Internet in any Federal Court facility or its environs.

(d) Conditions for authorized use of General Purpose Computing Devices

(1) – (3) [Unchanged]

(4) A district judge or magistrate judge may authorize Internet access is not provided for personally owned devices, ~~and eCounsel, however,~~ should still come prepared with all needed material loaded on the device prior to the commencement of court in case there is an issue receiving internet service. A user may NOT access the Internet by any wireless means during jury selection while in the courtroom.

(5) – (10) [Unchanged]

(e) Permitted and Prohibited Uses

(1) [Unchanged]

(2) Taking photographs or video or audio recordings in connection with any Judicial Proceeding (including any participants in a Judicial Proceeding while they are in a courtroom or its environs), and the recording or broadcasting of Judicial Proceedings by radio or television or other means is prohibited.

(3) [Unchanged]

(4) A district judge or magistrate judge may authorize:

(A) [Unchanged]

(B) The radio or television broadcasting, audio or video recording or photographing of court proceedings, but only pursuant to, a resolution of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

The judicial officer will provide by written notice to the United States Marshal that such permission has been granted.

(5) [Unchanged]

(f) – (h) [Unchanged]