

**LR Gen 110**

**[Reserved for future use.]**

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**LR Gen 111      PHOTOGRAPHING; RECORDING; BROADCASTING**

- (a) General Prohibition.** Except to the extent expressly authorized by the Court, no person shall photograph, record, or broadcast any proceeding, event or activity in or from any interior portion of the United States Courthouse or that portion of the John O. Pastore Building that is occupied by the Court. The Court may permit photographing, tape recording or broadcasting of ceremonial proceedings upon such terms and conditions as the Court may specify.
- (b) Note-Taking.** Nothing in subsection (a) of this Rule shall prevent any person from taking notes in the courtroom during a proceeding in Court, provided that such note-taking has been authorized by the presiding judicial officer. No authorization is necessary for note-taking by any persons seated inside the bar of the Court or located outside of the courtroom.

**LR Gen 112      USE OF CELLULAR PHONES  
AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

- (a) **General Prohibition.** Except as provided in subsection (b) of this rule or expressly authorized by the Court, no person shall bring into the Courthouse or that portion of the John O. Pastore Building that is occupied by the Court any device of any kind that has the capability of sending or receiving communications, making sound or video recordings, or making, recording or transmitting photographs or videos.
- (b) **Cellular phones, laptops, dictaphones and PDAs.** Cellular phones, laptops, dictaphones and so-called personal digital assistants ("PDAs"), such as Palm Pilots and Blackberries, may be brought into the Courthouse only by attorneys or those having express authorization and only upon the following conditions:
- (1) Before entering any courtroom, chambers or Grand Jury room, anyone carrying a cellular phone, Dictaphone or PDA shall at the direction of the presiding judicial officer either:
    - (A) check it with the courtroom clerk or Court security officer at that location; or
    - (B) turn off the device completely and keep the device turned off during all times in the courtroom, chambers or Grand Jury room.
  - (2) Dictaphones may be used only outside the courtroom or chambers.
  - (3) Laptops may be used in a courtroom or chambers only with the express permission of the presiding judicial officer.
  - (4) Upon entering the building, any person carrying a cellular phone, laptop, dictaphone or PDA shall acknowledge and agree that, upon violation of the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) above and/or of any other limitations placed on the use of such instruments, said device may be confiscated.

(§§ (b) and (b)(1) amended 3/17/08; §§ (b)(2) & (b)(3) added, and § (b)(2) redesignated as (b)(4), on 3/17/08.)