

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
ELECTRONIC DEVICES)

GO-06-15)

ORDER

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Phil Lombardi, Clerk
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

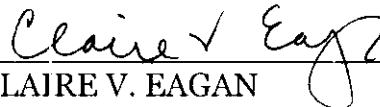
The Court being cognizant of increased usage of electronic communication devices in the legal profession hereby clarifies Local Rule 39.3.

All electronic communication devices including cell phones, personal data assistants, BlackBerrys, and wireless laptops are prohibited from being turned on in the courtroom without express permission from the Court.

Many electronic devices contain cameras and recorders. Use of cameras and recorders are specifically prohibited notwithstanding permission to use an electronic device.¹

Without the court's express approval, electronic communication devices shall not be used for peer-to-peer wireless communication or network communication within the courtroom or from the courtroom to another location outside the courtroom. Persons entering the courtroom may be asked to reveal any such devices in order to ensure that they are turned off. Persons violating this General Order may be escorted from the courtroom, denied access to further proceedings, and subjected to other sanctions deemed necessary by the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 26th day of September, 2006.



CLAIRE V. EAGAN
Chief United States District Judge



TERENCE C. KERN
United States District Judge



JAMES H. PAYNE
United States District Judge

¹Certain ceremonial proceedings such as Naturalization ceremonies and investitures are exceptions, but all such activities within a courtroom require permission from the court.