

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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United States, Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Oklahoma

IN RE: ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION )  
DEVICES- ATTORNEY AUTHORIZATION )

GENERAL ORDER No. 15-01

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(a) **Definition.** For purposes of this General Order, an electronic communication device includes any cellular telephone, laptop, iPad, personal digital assistant, or other electronic communication device.

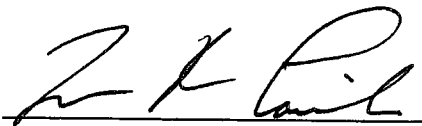
(b) **Who May Possess.** Attorneys conducting official business at the courthouse may bring an electronic communication device into the courthouse. Attorneys may not allow paralegals, support staff, witnesses, or their clients to possess or use the electronic communication device without prior approval by the Judge or Clerk of Court. All attorneys and electronic communication devices are subject to proper screening and security clearance before entering the courthouse. Upon inquiry from a court security officer or the United States Marshal, attorneys attempting to bring an electronic communication device into the courthouse are required to possess photo identification and present identification if requested by the court security officer and are subject to having their access verified by chambers.

(c) **Use of Devices.** Laptops and iPads may be used in the well of the courtroom by attorneys for court related purposes only. Cellular telephones and other electronic communication devices are not to be used or turned on inside the courtroom, or judicial chambers, unless permitted by the presiding judge. At all times the volume and ringer must be kept in the off position on all electronic devices and telephones. All electronic devices may be used by attorneys in the common areas and public places of the courthouse, however cellular phones should not be used in the hallway outside the courtroom while court is in progress. Many electronic communication devices contain cameras and recorders. Use of cameras and recorders are specifically prohibited notwithstanding permission to use an electronic communication device.

(d) **Sanctions.** Any electronic communication device used in violation of this general order is subject to immediate, permanent confiscation. Any attorney found to have violated this general order is subject to having his or her privileges herein terminated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

  
Tom R. Cornish  
United States Bankruptcy Judge