

## **Macomb County Circuit Court**

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## Policy for the Use of Electronic Communication Devices

Pursuant to MCR 8.115(C), this policy governs the use of electronic communication devices in the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit and Macomb County Probate Courts. Electronic communication devices include cell phones, pagers, two way portable radios, lap top computers, and any other electronic device that possesses the capability of communicating information from one person to another.

- 1. Electronic communication devices must be turned off or set to silent mode prior to entering a courtroom.
- 2. Electronic communication devices may be used in any courtroom provided they are set to silent mode.
- 3. Jurors are not permitted to use electronic communication devices while in attendance at trial or during deliberation. (See MCR 2.516(H)(2).)
- 4. No photographs may be taken of any jurors or witnesses.
- 5. No photographs or recordings may be taken inside any courtroom without permission of the Court.
- 6. Failure to comply with this policy may result in a fine, including confiscation of the device, incarceration, or both for contempt of court.

Adopted by:

John C. Foster

Chief Judge, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit and Macomb County Probate Courts

6/5/2013

Dated: