



## 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court Macomb County

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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 any mobile device capable of electronically storing, accessing, or transmitting information.

1. Electronic communication devices must be turned off or set to silent mode prior to entering a courtroom. See MCR 8.115(C)(5)(b).
2. Electronic communications devices may be used in any courtroom provided they are set to silent mode and are only used to perform tasks authorized by MCR 8.115(C)(5).
3. Jurors must turn off electronic communication devices while in the courtroom and may be required to turn over such devices during deliberations. See MCR 8.115(C)(4)(a).
4. No one may photograph, record, broadcast, or live stream any juror or witness. See MCR 8.115(C)(3)(c).
5. No photographing, recording, broadcasting, or live streaming is allowed inside any courtroom without permission of the Court. See MCR 8.115(C)(3)(a).
6. Failure to comply with this policy, or the other provisions of MCR 8.115 may be deemed contempt of court and result in a fine, confiscation of the electronic communications device, and/or incarceration.

Adopted by:

  
James Biernat, Jr., Chief Judge  
16th Judicial Circuit and Macomb County Probate Courts

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