

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

FILED

DEC 14 2015

**STEPHANIE J. EDMONDSON, CLERK
U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NC**

IN RE:

ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN COURTROOM FACILITIES

GENERAL ORDER

Local Civil Rule 83.1(1) of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina states the following:

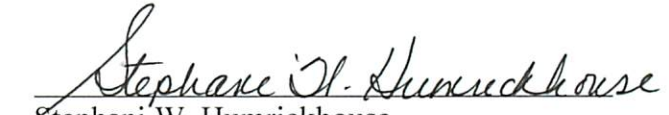
- (1) Electronic Devices in Courtroom Facilities.
 - (1) Attorneys are subject to the Standing Order on Prohibition of Wireless Communication Devices in Courtroom Facilities dated August 15, 2005, 05-PLR-7. To be exempted from the Order, attorneys will be required to present a bar card to the court security officer to retain a cellular phone, smartphone, laptop, tablet, or other electronic device. If an attorney fails to present a bar card, the attorney will be prohibited from bringing any such item into the courthouse.
 - (2) By bringing an electronic device into the courthouse, an attorney agrees to the following:
 - (A) The electronic device will not be used to record, broadcast, nor transmit any video images or audio sounds.
 - (B) While in the courtroom, the attorney will ensure that no sounds are emitted from the device.
 - (C) Upon entering the United States District Courthouse in the Eastern District of North Carolina, the electronic device will be screened by the court security officers using visual observation, x-ray scanning, chemical detection devices or other screening methods.
 - (D) The attorney will maintain custody over the electronic device and will not allow it to be used by anyone else unless the attorney has been given Court permission.
 - (E) Failure to comply with these provisions may result in the attorney's loss of the right to use an electronic device in the United States District Courthouses in the Eastern District of North Carolina, confiscation of the device or other court sanctions, including, but

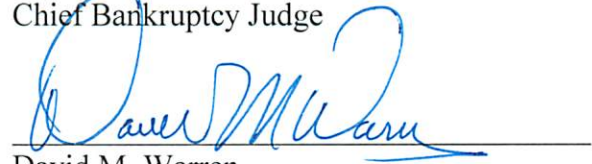
not limited to, contempt of court.

- (3) Persons using wireless communication devices for evidence presentation or for other similar purposes must notify the court prior to the commencement of any proceeding that such a device is in their possession.
- (4) Judges may permit additional exceptions to or impose additional limitations on the use of wireless electronic devices within courtroom facilities at their discretion.

The court hereby adopts Local Civil Rule 83.1(l) of the Local Rules of Practice and Procedure of the United States District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, entitled "Electronic Devices in Courtroom Facilities," as applicable in this court. This order shall be effective January 1, 2016.

Entered this 14th day of December, 2015.


Stephani W. Humrickhouse
Chief Bankruptcy Judge


David M. Warren
Bankruptcy Judge