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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

GENERAL ORDER PROHIBITING USE OF CAMERAS IN THE COURTHOUSE

No one except authorized court and court security personnel may engage in photographing, recording, or broadcasting, or activate any camera, microphone, recorder or broadcasting device in any courtroom or courthouse in the County where the court conducts business, including all entrances, exits, hallways, escalators, elevators, and adjacent or subterranean court parking areas except as permitted by Local Rule 2.17 and California Rule of Court 1.150, or as permitted by order of a judge as set forth herein.

Prior to entering a courtroom, cellular phones, pagers, and all other electronic communication or recording devices must be silenced or, in the discretion of the judge, turned off. No such device shall be handled in any way as to indicate that a picture, audio or video recording is being taken. Any such device which disrupts the proceedings shall be subject to confiscation and search. Nothing in this order shall restrict a judge's discretion to regulate the use of such devices in his or her courtroom.

This order applies to the use of cameras, camera-enabled cellular telephones and other camera-enabled or digital image-capture devices of any kind. This order does not prohibit the use of portable scanners, printers, or copiers, provided such devices are used solely for the purpose of imaging documents.

This order is for the protection of the public, all parties, and court personnel, and to facilitate the fair and orderly resolution of cases. This order is subject to modification based upon specific circumstances and the discretion of an individual judge in that judge's courtroom, the courthouse site judge, the supervising judge of a district, or the Assistant Presiding Judge in the event of the unavailability of the Presiding Judge.

A copy of this order shall be posted on the Court's Web site and shall be made reasonably available or posted near every security entry point into each court building, and at such other locations as the court's Director of Security directs. Violation of this order may result in seizure of the device, monetary sanctions pursuant to section 177.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and/or a finding of contempt pursuant to sections 128 and 1209 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and/or arrest pursuant to Penal Code sections 166(a)(4), 166(a)(5), and 632. This order shall not preclude any law enforcement officer from taking appropriate steps to ensure the orderly and peaceable conduct of court business at a courthouse.

Any court staff, security personnel or peace officer who becomes aware that a person is using a device in violation of this order is directed to advise such individual orally of this order, and take steps to provide the person with a written copy of this order as soon as practical. Security personnel or a peace officer who has reasonable cause to believe a violation of this order has occurred are requested to prepare an incident report, and if the circumstances warrant immediate corrective action because the person persists in violating this order despite being informed of it or has violated the order in a way that appears to have a significant adverse impact upon court security or the fair and orderly resolution of cases, shall take possession of the device and bring the person without unnecessary delay to the courtroom judicial officer, nearest available site judge, district supervising judge, Assistant Presiding Judge or Presiding Judge, as may be appropriate, to determine if there is sufficient cause to believe there has been a violation of this order without good cause or substantial justification. Such judicial officer may take such action or issue such orders to show cause re imposition of sanctions or contempt pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 128, 177.5, and 1209, and concerning the device, as may be appropriate.

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 25, 2013



*David S. Wesley*  
DAVID S. WESLEY  
Presiding Judge