

AO 5073-1 Use of Electronic Devices in Courtrooms

(a) Unless otherwise prohibited by a judge or the clerk, members of the bar and their agents may possess and use cell phones, computers, pagers, personal digital assistants, and similar electronic devices in the courtrooms. Such devices must be set on silence mode, and no telephone calls shall be made or received, while in any courtroom or judge's chambers without specific advance authorization by the presiding judge.

(b) Pro se litigants and others may be extended similar privileges upon application to the clerk of court and showing of good cause or particular need for an exception.

(c) Consistent with the provisions of LR 83.7 and LBR 5073-1, in no event shall any device be employed by counsel or anyone else in any manner designed to photograph, record (audio or video), broadcast, transmit, or televise any proceeding, scene, discussion, or event.

(d) Use of an electronic device in violation of any of the above provisions may subject the electronic device holder to sanctions.