

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI**

POLICY ON POSSESSION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Unless otherwise permitted by a presiding judge of this Court for a specific proceeding, electronic devices are not allowed in the secured areas of the courthouses of this District (including the third floor only of the federal building in Greenville), unless they are in the possession of one of the following:

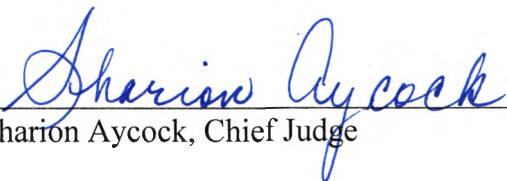
1. An employee of the Court or another tenant of the courthouse
2. An attorney of record or that attorney's support staff person who is directly involved in a proceeding being conducted in the courthouse
3. Law enforcement personnel acting on official duties
4. Persons participating in naturalization ceremonies and their accompanying friends and family members

For purposes of this policy, "electronic devices" include the following:

- a. Cellular phones
- b. "Smartphones" and "Smartwatches" (e.g., iPhones, iWatches, and Android phones and watches that perform many of the functions of a computer)
- c. Tablet and laptop computers
- d. Audio recorders, still cameras, video cameras and other devices that can record or transmit sounds or images

The courthouses do not have secured areas available to store these items. Any person attempting to enter a courthouse with a prohibited device will be advised to leave it at another location.

This policy is effective beginning on the 11th day of May, 2018.



Sharion Aycock, Chief Judge