

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
Electronic Device Policy for the Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Courthouse & Annex

- Except as authorized below or otherwise expressly authorized by the court, visitors are prohibited from bringing electronic devices into the courthouse or annex.

- During court week only, lawyers and their staff in the courthouse and annex may possess, subject to security inspection, electronic devices, such as cell phones, smart phones, tablets, Blackberrys, pagers, laptops, notebooks, netbooks, or similar functioning devices. **Electronic devices must not be used to take photographs or for audio or video recording.** Devices that serve only as cameras or audio or video recorders are prohibited in the courthouse and annex absent express authorization by the court.

- **All electronic devices must be turned off in any courtroom or judicial chambers.** Electronic devices must not be used in the courtroom for any purpose absent express authorization by the court.

- The court may prohibit or further restrict electronic devices in the interests of security, safety, or the integrity of judicial proceedings.

- Failure to adhere to this policy may result in removal from the courtroom, courthouse, or annex, or in the imposition of a fine or other sanction.