

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

**IN RE: USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN SUPERIOR COURT COURTROOMS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-1**

This 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024,

**WHEREAS**, on June 1, 2023, Delaware Supreme Court expanded the Pilot Program for the Public’s Use of Portable Electronic Devices in Courthouses and Courtrooms to all State courthouse in Delaware;

**WHEREAS**, the Pilot Program Policy for the Public’s Use of Portable Electronic Devices in Courthouses and Courtrooms governs the possession and use of personal electronic devices (PED) in the applicable courthouses and in the applicable courtrooms;

**WHEREAS**, the Pilot Program Policy states the use of PEDs to take photographs, make audio or video recordings, transmit live audio, or video stream anywhere within the courthouse is strictly prohibited;

**WHEREAS**, the Pilot Program Policy states PEDs must be set to silent mode or turned off prior to entering a courtroom. Photography, video recording, audio recording, texting, or transmitting or receiving data using a PED inside the courtroom is only permitted with prior written authorization of the presiding Judicial Officer;

**WHEREAS**, this Administrative Order does not expand nor limit the Pilot Program Policy for the Public’s Use of Portable Electronic Devices in Courthouse and Courtroom (“Pilot Program”), effective June 1, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, since June 1, 2023, instances have arisen which necessitate the restatement of certain provisions in the Pilot Program Policy;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024, **IT IS ORDERED**, that photography, video recording, audio recording, texting, or transmitting or receiving data using a PED inside a courtroom is prohibited without prior written authorization of the presiding Judicial Officer. Further, the use of a PED for photography, video recording, audio recording, transmitting live audio or video stream anywhere in the courthouse is strictly prohibited. Violations of this order could result in consequences up to and including confiscation of the PED by Court Security Officers at the direction of a judicial officers, removal from the courthouse, and filing of contempt charges.

/s/ Jan R. Jurden  
President Judge Jan R. Jurden