

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT AND BANKRUPTCY COURTS  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO**

**In Re**

**Wireless Portable Devices in the  
Courtroom**

**Supersedes General Order 254**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 345**

The Court being aware that Local District Court Rule 83.1 prohibits all forms, means, and manner of taking photographs, tape recordings, video taping, broadcasting, or televising in a United States courtroom or its environs, on the courtroom floors in Boise, Pocatello, Coeur d'Alene, and Moscow, except in connection with naturalization programs, attorney admission programs, and programs honoring judges or other court employees,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that: because of the increased reliance on wireless devices, portable wireless communication devices such as cell phones, smart phones (including Androids, BlackBerrys and iPhones), PDA's and laptops (including iPads) such devices will be allowed in the courtroom so long as they do not either disrupt Court proceedings or pose a security threat. Cell phone calls cannot be either made from or answered in the courtroom. All such devices must be either turned off or set to the silent or vibrate mode. However, if a particular device is incompatible with existing technological architecture in a certain courtroom, (e.g. causes a microphone to buzz when an incoming call is received, despite being in the silent or vibrate mode), the owner will be asked to remove it from the courtroom or take some other action. Using any wireless device for surreptitious communication or unauthorized filming, photographing, recording or transmitting of either court proceedings, images of jurors, witnesses, undercover agents, or the court security screening equipment and process is strictly prohibited.

The foregoing restrictions also apply to all jurors. Furthermore, jurors may not use cell phones during deliberations nor use wireless devices with internet access to research issues or access court files during the course of the trial.

This Order supersedes Local Rule 83.1 for the specific purposes outlined above.

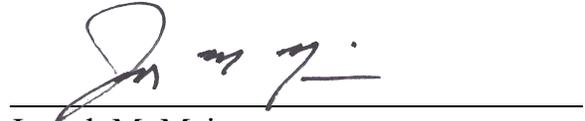
Because of security concerns or other circumstances, the Court may modify this order on a case-by-case basis.

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DATED this 8th day of February 2019.

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David C. Nye  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court

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Joseph M. Meier  
Chief Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court