

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas**

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In re

ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THE COURTHOUSE

General Order No. 35

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Electronic devices are prohibited beyond the security checkpoint in the courthouse located at 300 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Little Rock, Arkansas (hereinafter “Bankruptcy Courthouse”), except as allowed by this General Order.
2. The prohibition in paragraph 1 does not apply to the possession of electronic devices by employees and visiting employees of courthouse tenant agencies and contractors approved by the General Services Administration.
3. Members of the public may bring into a courthouse cell phones, Blackberries and PDA type devices that do not have the capacity to take photographs or to make films. However, each cell phone, Blackberry or PDA type device must be turned off and put away before a person carrying it enters into a courtroom and must remain off and remain put away while in the courtroom.
4. Lawyers and staff employed by the Department of Justice or the Federal Public Defender’s Office may bring cell phones, laptop computers, Blackberries and PDA type devices into the Bankruptcy Courthouse whether or not those devices have the capacity to take photographs or make films.
5. Upon request, the Court may issue an order authorizing other lawyers, their staff or support personnel, and law enforcement officers attending a proceeding to bring cell phones, laptop computers, Blackberries, and PDA type devices into the Bankruptcy Courthouse while attending the proceeding whether or not those devices have the capacity to take photographs or films. An order authorizing a lawyer, his/her staff or support personnel, or law enforcement officer to bring an

electronic device into the Bankruptcy Courthouse will identify the person so authorized by name and specify the date or dates during which permission is granted. That person must then present the order and a photo I.D. to Court Security Personnel at the security checkpoint. A person who is allowed an electronic device into the Bankruptcy Courthouse pursuant to this paragraph, and has subsequent court hearings within the courthouse on the same day will be allowed to retain the electronic device during his or her time at the Bankruptcy Courthouse.

6. Attorneys may be allowed to bring cell phones, laptops, Blackberries and PDA type devices into the Bankruptcy Courthouse whether or not those devices have the capacity to take photos or make film, if they are in possession of a “Court Technology Permit” and photo identification. The Court Technology Permit is issued by the Clerk of the District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas (“District Court Clerk”). The requirements for obtaining a Court Technology Permit are contained in Amended General Order 54, District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas. For further details on obtaining a Court Technology Permit, contact the District Court Clerk’s office.
7. A person who brings an electronic device into the Bankruptcy Courthouse pursuant to paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 above will be subject to the following rules:
  - (a) that person may not record, photograph, or film anyone or anything inside the courthouse;
  - (b) cell phones, Blackberries or PDA type devices must be turned off and put away when in the courtrooms; and
  - (c) wireless internet components of electronic devices must be deactivated when in the courtrooms.

The United States Marshals Service is hereby directed to enforce this General Order. A violation of paragraph 7(a), (b), or (c) may result in seizure of the electronic device, withdrawal of the

privilege to bring an electronic device into the courthouse, or other sanctions. A violation of the prohibition on recording, photographing, or filming anyone or anything inside the Bankruptcy Courthouse may be punished as contempt of court.

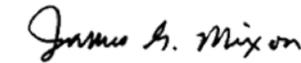
8. Before persons with electronic devices are granted entry into the Bankruptcy Courthouse, all devices must be examined by the United States Marshals Service or Court Security Personnel. This examination includes, but is not limited to placing the device through electronic screening machines and requiring the person possessing the device to turn the power to the device off and on.
9. The United States Marshals Service may further restrict electronic devices from entering the Bankruptcy Courthouse should a threat assessment so dictate.

Dated September 9, 2011, effective September 9, 2011

**FOR THE COURT**



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RICHARD D. TAYLOR  
CHIEF U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



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JAMES G. MIXON  
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



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AUDREY R. EVANS  
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



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U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE