

NORTH CAROLINA  
ALAMANCE COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE  
AND CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
15-A JUDICIAL DISTRICT

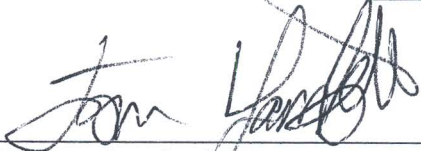
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CELL PHONES AND OTHER )  
PERSONAL COMMUNICATION )  
DEVICES IN COURTHOUSES )

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

PURSUANT to the inherent and other authority vested in the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge and the Chief District Court Judge, the following rules are adopted:

Any person permitted to have a cell phone, computer, personal communication device or camera in a courthouse must turn it to silent mode before entry to any courtroom. While such person is in the courtroom, each device must also be kept in a pocket, purse, briefcase or other bag or satchel. Such person must exit the courtroom before activating the device unless they receive prior permission from the presiding judge due to a particular work need that requires their attention.. No one is permitted to photograph, videograph or otherwise capture the image of any person or proceeding in the courtroom, whether from inside or outside the courtroom, without the prior approval of the presiding judge. Failure to comply with these provisions may result in confiscation of the device until the presiding judge directs that it may be returned, and may subject the violator to punishment for contempt of court. Subject to the approval of the presiding judge, an attorney or party appearing pro se may activate a computer or other device in the courtroom in connection with the business that attorney or pro se party has before the court. These rules do not restrict the authority of the presiding judge to control the courtroom. Attorneys and others may request relief from the rules from the presiding judge.

SO ORDERED, this the 22 day of May, 2019, and effective June 1, 2019.



D. Thomas Lambeth, Jr.  
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge



Bradley Reid Allen, Sr.  
Chief District Court Judge

