

LOCAL RULE 5073-1: PHOTOGRAPHY, RECORDING DEVICES, AND BROADCASTING

- (a) **Prohibition Against Camera, Video, Transmitter, Receiver, and Recording Equipment.** Absent a Court order directing otherwise, no camera, video, transmitter, receiver, or recording equipment may be brought into the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of South Carolina and any of its locations. The use of wireless communication devices¹ shall be governed by a separate Administrative Order, as may be amended from time to time.
- (b) **Authority to Impound.** Such equipment in violation of this rule may be impounded by the appropriate authority.
- (c) **Exemptions from Prohibition.**
- (1) Use of such equipment by an authorized representative of the Court for an official purpose;
 - (2) Use of the Court's videoconferencing system by an authorized representative of the Court to permit the judge to conduct proceedings from or to a remote location;
 - (3) Use of such equipment during ceremonial proceedings with the express permission of the Court and under the supervision of the Court; and
 - (4) A device required because of a person's disability.

Notes:

(2008) Portions of this rule were restyled and a reference to a separate Administrative Order was added.

(2011) The title of the rule was amended to conform with the model numbering and naming conventions recommended by the Judicial Conference. Paragraph (a) was amended to remove reference to specific electronic devices and to broadly cover all such devices under the term "wireless communication devices" as recommended by the Judicial Conference.

¹ Wireless communication devices include any electronic equipment with the ability to connect to the internet, send or receive messages, or make or receive a phone call.