

**OFFICIAL POLICY FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES  
WITHIN THE COURTROOM OF THE HONORABLE JULIA W. BRAND**

1. Electronic devices, such as a smart phone, tablet, laptop computer or a similar functioning device having wireless communications capability may be brought into and used within the courtroom. The courtroom has wireless internet service and the password may be secured from the Courtroom Deputy. Telephone ring tones and other functional sounds produced by devices (including but not limited to “vibrate”) **MUST** be disabled while in the courtroom. Only quiet keyboards may be used in the courtrooms.
2. No person may use such devices within the courtroom to make or receive telephone calls, or to take photographs or for audio or video recording or transmission (exceptions for Court staff, or with Court approval).
3. Persons may use such devices to take notes, transmit and receive data communications, and access the Internet. However, persons may not use such devices to communicate with counsels, parties or witnesses during ongoing proceedings.
4. Media members may transmit written accounts of the proceeding to a wider audience using various means. These persons may not use these devices for telephone calls, photographs or audio or video recording or transmission.
5. At any time, the Judge may prohibit or further restrict use of such devices by all persons prior to or during a proceeding when necessary to protect the rights of the parties or to assure the orderly conduct of the proceedings.