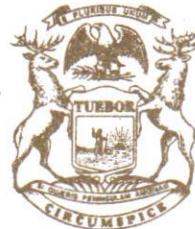


# 26<sup>th</sup> CIRCUIT COURT

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## Courtroom Cellphone Policy

Pursuant to MCR 8.115 (C), this policy governs the use of electronic communication devices in the 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court. Electronic communication devices include cell phones, pagers, two-way portable radios, laptop computers, and any other electronic device that possesses the capability of communicating information from one person to another.

1. Electronic communication devices must be turned off or set to silent mode prior to entering a courtroom.
2. Electronic communication devices may be used in any courtroom provided they are set to silent mode.
3. Jurors are not permitted to use electronic communication devices while in attendance at trial or during deliberation. See MCR 2.516.
4. No photographs may be taken of any jurors or witnesses.
5. No photographs may be taken inside any courtroom, or area outside of the courtroom, without express permission of the court.
6. Failure to comply with this policy may result in a fine, including confiscation of the device, incarceration, or both for contempt of court.