

Public Cameras and Cell Phones in Court Facilities Are *Prohibited January 1, 2017*

Beginning January 1, 2017, *the taking of* photographs, including video pictures and recording, and the use and possession of audio and video broadcast and audio recording equipment and *any other device including cell phones* capable of capturing or transmitting sound or images, in a courtroom or hearing room or its environs during the progress of or in connection with any action, whether or not court is actually in session, *is prohibited* in compliance with L.C.R. Crim.P. No. 112.

The *environs will include* a courtroom or hearing room and the entire floor on which is located any courtroom, hearing room, jury room, grand jury room, sheriff's office or station, Prothonotary's or Clerk of Courts office, office of the District Attorney, or any lockup or prisoner holding area. The environs will also include the corridor or lobby on the main floor or street floor, any elevator area and any area constituting an interior entrance area to the building of any courtroom, hearing room or grand jury room.

Facilities included in this rule are the Lancaster County Courthouse, Adult Probation and Parole offices (40 East King Street), Domestic Relations lobby and offices, and inside a Magisterial District Court office at the discretion of the Magisterial District Judge.

This rule does not apply to those individuals employed by the Court or County who clearly display an identification badge issued by the County of Lancaster, attorneys whose device has been "powered off" when the attorney enters a courtroom, hearing room, or grand jury room, emergency medical or other personnel responding to a call, jurors summoned by Court Administration during their period of service, devices used for the purpose of presenting evidence in any court proceeding, law enforcement who provides proper identification and is on business related to a case before the court and/or a meeting with the Office of the District Attorney and whose device has been "powered off" when entering a courtroom, hearing room, or grand jury room.

Except as permitted by law or rule of court, the recording by any means of any judicial proceedings by anyone other than the official court stenographer in a court case, for any purpose, is prohibited.

The Court may make such orders as may be necessary in connection with any specific case to protect the rights of all parties and the public.

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR CELLPHONE COURTHOUSE STORAGE

COURTHOUSE LOBBY CELL PHONE LOCKER INSTRUCTIONS

- When entering the Courthouse, notify the Sheriff deputies that you have a cellphone.
- You will be directed to cell phone lockers a short distance away. There will be instructions on how to use the lockers in English and Spanish.
- The lockers will have a combination that you will set.
- When you are ready to leave the Courthouse, return to the locker and enter your combination, retrieve your phone and depart.
- The combination is reset when you close the door after opening it.
- If you are having difficulty and if the security post is not busy, a deputy will assist you. If the post is busy, the deputy will radio for a supervisor to come and assist you.
- If you forget the combination, you will be required to describe what is in the locker to the deputy including a description of your phone. Once the deputy retrieves the phone, you will be required to unlock the phone so they know it is your phone or have someone call the phone so they can be reasonably sure it does belong to you.
- Phones not retrieved by the end of the business day will be secured in the property cabinet until claimed or until the expiration of thirty days.