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IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT, JUVENILE COURT, COURT OF APPEALS, SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF UTAH

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**IN RE: PHOTOGRAPHY, FILMING,  
AND RECORDING IN COURTHOUSE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

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Rule 4-401.02 of the Utah Code of Judicial Administration (UCJA) allows the use of portable electronic devices in courthouses, subject to restrictions set by presiding judges on time, place, and manner of use. In order to maintain safety, decorum, and order at courthouses in the Third Judicial District, the court hereby establishes restrictions on the use of portable electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, laptops, tablets, watches, cameras, etc.).

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that there shall be no photography, filming, or recording (hereinafter known as "Recording") in courthouses, except as authorized by court rule, a judge, or this Order. "Courthouse" includes building entrances and exits, and all areas within the building, including common areas. This Order is not intended to restrict Recording when conducted on court premises outside the courthouse building, provided the activities do not disrupt court operations, obstruct access to or from the building, or compromise security.

**Recording is prohibited in the following areas of the courthouse:**

- the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Matheson Courthouse, West Jordan Courthouse, and Tooele Courthouse;
- clerks' desks or offices, clerical work stations, law librarian desks, juvenile probation offices or workstations, and any other areas where court staff are providing assistance to members of the public;
- security work/screening stations, security offices, and prisoner transport areas;

- areas where non-court personnel, such as legal aid, mediators, or educators are providing services to the public as authorized by the judiciary;
- stairwells and elevators;
- restrooms;
- courtrooms, unless authorized by a judge or court rule; and
- any area of the courthouse not accessible to the public.

**Recording is permitted in the following areas of the courthouse:**

**Matheson Courthouse**

- the rotunda area only on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> floors
- the public hallways on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors (cameras must face away from courtroom doors)

**West Jordan Courthouse**

- the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor North and East public hallways (cameras must face away from courtroom doors)

**Tooele Courthouse**

- north side of the main entrance on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor;

**Silver Summit Courthouse**

- outside—east of main entrance

Recording court patrons entering or exiting courtroom doors is prohibited without the person's express permission. Recording must be conducted with minimal noise and may not disrupt court operations or compromise security. All portable electronic devices are subject to screening or inspection at the time of entry and at any time within the courthouse in accordance with UCJA rule 3-414. Portable electronic devices are subject to confiscation if there is reason to believe that a device is being used in violation of court rules or this Order.

Law enforcement officers with body cameras may not activate the recording function of the device in courtrooms or the courthouse when present for court business. This restriction does not apply when law enforcement is engaged in or responding to law enforcement activities, emergencies, or active crimes, or are otherwise authorized by a judicial officer or court rule.

This Order is not intended to interfere with or restrict the rights of media to request permission to provide electronic media coverage in accordance with UCJA rule 4-401.01.

**A violation of this Order may be the basis for removal from the courthouse or an order to show cause for contempt.**

A copy of this Order shall be provided to court employees and security officers, and shall be conspicuously posted at entrances to the courthouse. This Order shall be made available to anyone upon request.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 11 day of August, 2023



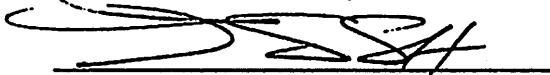
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