



**16th Judicial Circuit Court
Macomb County Probate Court
42nd Judicial District Court**

Circuit Judges:

JAMES M. BIERNAT, JR., *Chief Judge*
MATTHEW S. SWITALSKI, *Chief Judge Pro Tem*
EDWARD A. SERVITTO, JR.
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MICHAEL E. SERVITTO
RACHEL RANCILIO
JULIE GATTI
TERI L. DENNINGS
MATTHEW P. SABAUGH

Probate Judges:

SANDRA A. HARRISON
SARA A. SCHIMKE

District Judges:

WILLIAM H. HACKEL, III
JENNIFER A. ANDARY

Clerk of the Court:

ANTHONY FORLINI

Court Administrator:

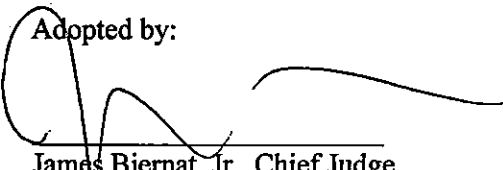
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POLICY FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Pursuant to MCR 8.115(C), this policy governs the use of electronic communication devices in the 16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb County Probate, and 42nd Judicial District Courts. Electronic communication devices include any mobile device capable of electronically storing, accessing, or transmitting information.

1. Electronic communication devices must be turned off or set to silent mode prior to entering a courtroom. See MCR 8.115(C)(5)(b).
2. Electronic communications devices may be used in any courtroom provided they are set to silent mode and are only used to perform tasks authorized by MCR 8.115(C)(5).
3. Jurors must turn off electronic communication devices while in the courtroom and may be required to turn over such devices during deliberations. See MCR 8.115(C)(4)(a).
4. No one may photograph, record, broadcast, or live stream any juror or witness. See MCR 8.115(C)(3)(c).
5. No photographing, recording, broadcasting, or live streaming is allowed inside any courtroom without permission of the Court. See MCR 8.115(C)(3)(a).
6. Failure to comply with this policy, or the other provisions of MCR 8.115 may be deemed contempt of court and result in a fine, confiscation of the electronic communications device, and/or incarceration.

Adopted by:


James Biernat, Jr., Chief Judge
16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb County Probate
and 42nd Judicial District Courts

Dated: May 26, 2023