

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA

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Clerk, U.S. Courts
District Of Montana
Missoula Division

IN RE: Possession and use of
electronic devices in the courthouses of
the District of Montana.

STANDING ORDER No. DLC-50

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Rule 1.3(d)(2)(C) of the Local Rules of Procedure for the United States District Court for the District of Montana is amended to read as follows:

- (C) Attorneys appearing before the court in a calendared matter, including scheduling conferences, may use personal electronic devices that are not disruptive or distracting. Personal electronic devices may not be used to communicate publicly about the case. Photography, video-recording, and verbatim recording are prohibited. Audible rings or alarms are prohibited. In courtrooms, voice communication using personal electronic devices is prohibited. In sealed proceedings, personal electronic devices may not be used for communication. An attorney may authorize an employee to use a device in compliance with this paragraph, but the attorney is exclusively responsible for the employee's conduct.

This amendment strikes from the current rule the following sentence: "Use must be limited to purposes related to the appearance." The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that an attorney appearing before the court in a calendared matter may use a personal electronic device for any purpose and at any time during the day of the attorney's appearance before the court, provided such use is otherwise in compliance with Local Rule 1.3. This Standing Order supersedes current District

of Montana Local Rule 1.3(d)(2)(C).

The clerk of court is directed to post this order on the court's public website, and to notify the judicial officers of this district, the United States Marshals Service, the United States Attorney's Office, and the Local Rules Committee of the entry of this order.

DATED this 22nd day of January, 2020.



Dana L. Christensen, Chief Judge
United States District Court