



Prince George's County - District 5 Cell Phone Policy

- **Any individual who willfully violates Maryland Rule 16-208 and/or the limitations imposed by this policy may be found in contempt of court and may be subject to sanctions in accordance with the Maryland Rules, Title 15, Chapter 200.**
- Cellular telephones (including cellular telephones with cameras and video streaming capabilities), pagers, PDAs, electronic calendars and laptop (dictionary) computers are allowed within the courthouse. However, cellular telephones, pagers, electronic calendars, laptop (dictionary) computers are subject to x-ray or appropriate and necessary inspection by the sheriff or bailiffs.
- Cellular telephones and pagers must be rendered silent or turned off before the possessor enters a courtroom or while in the hallway immediately outside of the entrance to a courtroom, and cellular telephone conversations are absolutely prohibited within a courtroom, the entrance to a courtroom, or the hallway immediately outside the entrance to a courtroom.
- The use of a cellular telephone to take pictures or record events within any District Court facility without prior approval of that court's Administrative Judge or the Administrative Judge's designee, is strictly prohibited and may result in contempt of court charges being filed against the responsible party.

Hon. Lisa A. Hall-Johnson, Administrative Judge