

# **LEE COUNTY GENERAL DISTRICT COURT CELLPHONE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY**

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All Portable Electronic Devices, including cellphones, smart phones and smart watches, computers, tablets, electronic calendars, and e-book readers are prohibited from the courtroom unless needed for an evidentiary or other legitimate purpose and you have first received authorization from the presiding judge to bring the device into the courtroom. Please ask the bailiff, clerk, or your attorney to bring this request to the judge's attention.

All devices permitted into the courtroom by the judge must remain on silent at all times and shall only be used for the purpose and in the manner authorized by the judge.

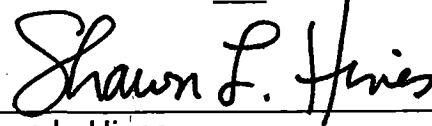
The taking of photographs, making of video or audio recordings, and transmission or communication of any information using any media from inside of the courtroom is strictly prohibited without prior authorization of the presiding judge.

Any Portable Electronic Device used in violation of this policy may be confiscated, and neither the sheriff nor the court shall be responsible or liable for any damage to or loss of a confiscated device.

Violators of this policy may be removed from the courtroom and courthouse, may be found in contempt of court and subject to penalties as provided by law. A judge may further limit or ban the possession or use of any device for any reason, especially any device which may or does interfere with the administration of justice or cause any threat to safety or security.

Any Portable Electronic Device permitted into the courthouse or courtroom is subject to security screening.

ENTER THIS THE 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2019.



Shawn L. Hines  
Chief Judge  
Lee County General District Court