

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

*In the matter of* )  
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION ) MISCELLANEOUS  
DEVICES IN COURTROOMS ) GENERAL ORDER  
 ) NO. 06-02

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Except as provided below, or as otherwise ordered by the presiding judicial officer, electronic communication devices including cell phones, PDA's, Blackberries, and similar devices are not permitted in any courtroom of this court.

Effective Monday, February 6, 2006, attorneys appearing in any courtroom in this district may have in their possession in the courtroom a cell phone, PDA, Blackberry, or similar electronic device; PROVIDED THAT the communication mode of such device is in the fully OFF condition (it may not be in a standby, vibrate, or other operating mode, because this effects the quality of the official electronically recorded record of proceedings).

Any cell phone, PDA, Blackberry, or similar device found in a courtroom in an operating condition other than as provided above will be seized. A device seized under this order may be retrieved from the Clerk's Office on the third business day following the day it is seized and, if not retrieved by the end of the third business day, will be disposed of by the Clerk of the Court.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 26th day of January, 2006.

s/ John W. Sedwick  
JOHN W. SEDWICK, Chief Judge  
United States District Court

s/ Ralph R. Beistline  
RALPH R. BEISTLINE, Judge  
United States District Court

s/ Timothy Burgess  
TIMOTHY BURGESS, Judge  
United States District Court

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