

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

*In the matter of*

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION  
DEVICES IN THE COURTROOM

MISCELLANEOUS  
GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 10-10

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, iPhones, Blackberries, and similar devices are not permitted in any courtroom of this court.

Effective immediately, attorneys, paralegals and investigators employed by attorneys, appearing in any courtroom in this district may have in their possession in the courtroom a cell phone, PDA, iPhone, Blackberry, or similar electronic device; PROVIDED THAT the communication mode of such device is in a non-communication mode. The device may not be in a standby, vibrate, or other operating mode, because this may affect the quality of the official electronically recorded record of the proceedings.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT MGO 10-05 is hereby superceded.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 1st day of September, 2010.

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

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

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

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