

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
CLARION COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

In re: Prohibition of Cell Phones and other
Electronic Devices in the Courtrooms

No. 227 CD 2020

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

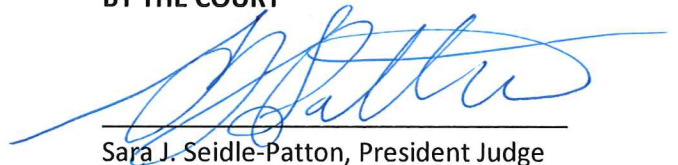
AND NOW, this 14th day of February, 2020, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED as follows:

All cell phones, computers, laptops, tablets and similar electronic devices are prohibited in all hearing rooms and courtrooms within the Clarion County Courthouse. Court employees, attorneys, Sheriff's deputies and law enforcement are permitted to have and use these items in the course of their duties. With the Court's approval, participants involved in adoption proceedings, swearing-in ceremonies and other such proceedings may use these devices to memorialize the event.

Cell phone lockers are provided at the security entrance to the courthouse near the Sheriff's office and in the lobby of Courtroom I. Lockers for large electronic devices are also available at the security entrance. Cell phones and other electronic devices are to be powered off and placed inside a locker either upon entrance to the courthouse through the security entrance or before entering any courtroom, conference room or hearing room to participate in any judicial proceeding. Upon completion of the court proceedings, individuals shall retrieve their cell phone or other electronic device from the locker.

The Clarion County Sheriff's Department shall be responsible for implementation and enforcement of the provisions set forth in this Order and has the discretion to confiscate devices or escort an individual out of the Courthouse for violation of this policy. Any individual that willfully fails to abide by the terms of this Order may be held in contempt.

BY THE COURT



Sara J. Seidle-Patton, President Judge