



State of Illinois
Circuit Court of Cook County

Chambers of
Timothy C. Evans
Chief Judge

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Chicago, Illinois 60602
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January 30, 2013

Re: Electronic devices banned in Circuit Court of Cook
County courthouses

Dear Police Chief:

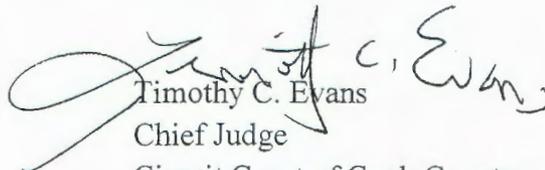
I am asking for your assistance in helping the court to raise public awareness of the ban on electronic communications and internet devices in **all** Circuit Court of Cook County court facilities (except the Richard J. Daley Center). Enforcement of the ban begins April 15, 2013.

The ban was enacted to protect the privacy and safety of persons attending court and to maintain court decorum. Enclosed is a flyer you may wish to post in your facility to let the public know about this major change. I would also encourage you to ask department personnel to announce the ban at community meetings.

Certain persons are exempted from the ban, including law enforcement personnel. The list of exemptions is enclosed for your information.

As always, I thank you for your important cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to call my assistant, Robert Bastone, at 312.603.4294.

Sincerely,


Timothy C. Evans
Chief Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County

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Enclosures

EXEMPTIONS FROM BAN ON ELECTRONIC DEVICES

BY ORDER OF COURT

Upon presentation of the required identification, credentials, or authorization, as determined by the Cook County Sheriff, the following persons are exempt from the ban:

1. current or former judges;
2. licensed attorneys;
3. members of the news media;
4. local, state, and federal law enforcement officers;
5. employees of any local, state, or federal government agencies or offices;
6. any person reporting for jury duty pursuant to summons;
7. building and maintenance tradespeople, equipment repairpersons, and vendors;
8. domestic violence advocates and counselors as defined by 750 ILCS 60/227(a)(2);
9. disabled persons, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, whose disabilities require the use of an electronic device to communicate;
10. authorized employees and agents of attorneys;
11. persons who are present at the court facility to obtain civil orders of protection, stalking no contact orders, or civil no contact orders;
12. parties to proceedings present to attend court proceedings related to an underlying order of protection, stalking no contact order, civil no contact order or related proceedings;
13. participants in a domestic violence assistance program;
14. persons required by court order or the sheriff to wear an electronic monitoring device;
15. parties to orders of protection who are required to carry GPS devices; and
16. any other person or category of persons pursuant to order of court.

Only persons on official court business are exempted from the ban. Cell phones and other electronic devices may be used only in the public areas away from the courtrooms.

Enforcement begins April 15, 2013.



NOTICE

By Order of Court

**Electronic Devices Banned
in Circuit Court of Cook
County Courthouses**

Violators may face prosecution for contempt of court.

**A list of exemptions is posted at the
courthouse security checkpoint and online at
www.cookcountycourt.org**

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