

**CIRCUIT COURT FOR WORCESTER COUNTY
POLICY REGARDING CELL PHONES;
OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES; CAMERAS
(REFER TO MD RULE 16-208)**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC **ARE ALLOWED** TO BRING CELL PHONES OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES INTO THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SENDING AND RECEIVING TELEPHONE CALLS AND/OR ELECTRONIC MESSAGES, SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM COURT PERSONNEL DIRECTING OTHERWISE.

- USE OF THE DEVICE **SHALL NOT DISTURB** COURT PROCEEDINGS.
- DEVICES **SHALL BE TURNED OFF** WHEN INSIDE A COURTROOM AND IN THE CORRIDORS OF THE COURTHOUSE.
- DEVICES **ARE NOT ALLOWED** INSIDE THE JURY DELIBERATION ROOMS.
- DEVICES **ARE NOT ALLOWED** TO TAKE OR RECORD A PHOTOGRAPH, VIDEO, OR OTHER VISUAL IMAGE IN A COURT FACILITY, OR TRANSMIT A PHOTOGRAPH, VIDEO, OR OTHER VISUAL IMAGE FROM OR WITHIN A COURT FACILITY. (EXCLUDING MARRIAGE CEREMONIES, ADOPTIONS, AND HISTORICAL RECORD SEARCHES WITH PRIOR PERMISSION)
- ANY PERSON FOUND IN VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE RESTRICTIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO:
 - (1) CONFISCATION OF THE DEVICE;
 - (2) FINE: OR
 - (3) INCARCERATION,

AT THE DISCRETION OF A PRESIDING JUDGE OF THIS COURT.