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POLICY ON THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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- 1. Pre-Approved Personal Electronic Devices.** Attorneys' use of mobile phones and other personal electronic devices within the courthouse and its environs is governed by Revised Standing Order M10-468 (available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/standing-order-electronic-devices.pdf>). Subject to security screening, any attorney who is a member of this Court's Bar, obtains the necessary service pass from the District Executive's Office, and shows the service pass upon entering the courthouse may bring some personal electronic devices into the courthouse. Mobile phones are permitted inside the courtroom, but *they must be kept turned off at all times*. Non-compliance with this rule may result in sanctions including forfeiture of the device for the remainder of the proceedings.
- 2. Other Electronic Devices.** Prior court order is required for an attorney to bring into the courthouse any general purpose computing device, such as a laptop or tablet, or any other electronic equipment that does not qualify as a "personal electronic device" pursuant to Revised Standing Order M10-468. In addition, prior court order is required for any attorney who has not obtained a service pass from the District Executive's Office and wishes to bring a personal electronic device into the courthouse. Any attorney seeking to bring such equipment into the courthouse must email a proposed order to Chambers (LimanNYSDCambers@nysd.uscourts.gov) *at least 24 hours* in advance of the relevant trial or hearing requesting permission to use such equipment. The proposed order is available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/standing-order-electronic-devices.pdf>. If the request is granted, Chambers will file the order with the District Executive's Office. The order must be shown upon bringing the equipment into the courthouse.