

ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THE COURTROOM

The following rules related to the use of electronic devices (including computers, cell phones, smart phones, PDAs, readers and pagers) apply in Klickitat and Skamania County Superior Courts:

(1) Business area (in front of the dividing bar, including the jury box):

Electronic devices **shall not** be used without the advance permission of the judge. Permission will usually be given only to effectively conduct the court's current hearings and business. Examples of uses that will normally be allowed upon request:

- (a) Checking calendars and schedules.
- (b) Use of a computer, projector, etc, during presentations to the court or jury.
- (c) Taking or reviewing notes related to the current hearing.

(2) Spectator area (back of courtroom, behind the dividing bar):

Electronic devices may be used, subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) The device must be silenced.
- (b) The provisions of GR 16, related to courtroom photography and recording, continue to apply to members of the media.
- (c) For all other members of the public, audio and video recording and photography in the courtroom is not permitted without court permission.
- (d) The use of the device must not disrupt or distract from the court's proceedings, or interfere with observation by others.

The judge retains the ability to control the courtroom at all times. Additional restrictions or prohibitions may be imposed when deemed necessary, including, but not limited to, confiscation of electronic devices if they interfere with the court's proceedings and/or findings of contempt.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Judge Randall C. Krog