

**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LASSEN**

**GENERAL ORDER
2022-24**


**USE OF CELLULAR PHONES IN COURTROOMS AND
PHOTOGRAPH/RECORDING DEVICES IN COURTHOUSE FACILITIES**

This Order Revokes and Restates in its Entirety General Order 2018-05

All cellular phones shall be turned off or set in the “airplane mode” prior to entering the courtroom. The use of cellular phones in the courtroom is strictly forbidden. Should counsel need to utilize a cellular phone, such utilization shall occur outside the courtroom. The use of laptop computers and tablets is permitted to assist counsel in law and motion and trial matters.

Furthermore, a courthouse facility qualifies as a nonpublic forum. (See, e.g., *United States v. Grace* (1983) 461 U.S. 171, 179.) Consistent with case law, California Rules of Court and Rule 1.150, no photographs, video recordings or audio recordings may be taken anywhere in or into any courthouse facility, courtrooms, hallways, elevators, clerk’s offices or counters or transaction windows with any device capable of photographing, recording or broadcasting, unless permitted by an order of the Court.

Dated: 11-16-22


Mark Nareau
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court