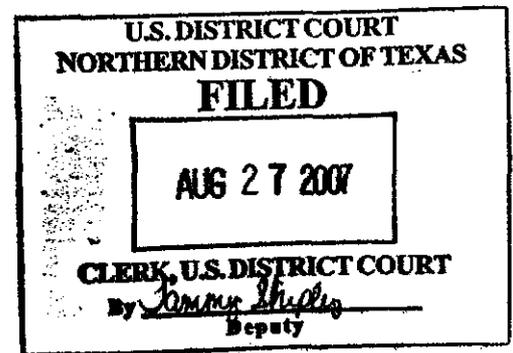


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Miscellaneous Order No. 63  
Effective September 1, 2007



No electronic communication devices, including, but not limited to, cellular telephones, pagers, personal digital assistants, laptop computers, and tape recorders, may be brought onto any court floor within the Northern District of Texas, with the following exceptions:

1. Employees of the United States Marshals Service, court security officers, other law enforcement personnel upon production of proper identification, and employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice who have transported state prisoners to court may possess electronic communication devices on a court floor, unless otherwise directed by a judge.
2. Employees of the federal judiciary may possess electronic communication devices on a court floor unless otherwise directed by a judge as to the judge's physical area of responsibility and control or by the clerk as to the clerk's physical area of responsibility and control.
3. Additional division-specific exceptions are identified on the chart attached to this order.

Electronic communication devices allowed on a court floor may only be used in a courtroom with the explicit permission of the presiding judge and may not be used to photograph, record, televise or broadcast court proceedings by audio, visual, or other means. The presiding judge may impose additional restrictions on the use of any such equipment in the courtroom to ensure that its use is consistent with the rights of the parties, will not unduly distract participants in the proceeding, and will not otherwise interfere with the administration of justice.

This order restates and replaces the order entered on August 17, 2007.

SO ORDERED.

August 24, 2007.

A. Joe Fish  
A. JOE FISH, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**MISCELLANEOUS ORDER NO. 63 ATTACHMENT**

<b>Divisional Office</b>	<b>Additional Exceptions</b>
Abilene	Electronic communication devices may be used by any person having business with the court in the hallway outside of the courtroom, but they may not be brought into the courtroom.
Amarillo District Court	No exceptions.
Dallas	<p>The following are authorized to bring electronic communication devices onto court floors in the Dallas division:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. any person who produces a written authorization signed by a judge or the judge's designee and verified as authentic by a court security officer;</li> <li>2. an attorney with a valid bar identification card having business within the court facility; or</li> <li>3. a petit juror; however, a juror must turn in the juror's electronic communication devices to a courtroom deputy, court security officer, or other designated person during jury deliberations.</li> </ol>
Fort Worth	<p>The following are authorized to bring electronic communication devices onto the first, second, third, and fifth floors of the courthouse in the Fort Worth division:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. any person who produces a written authorization signed by District Judge O'Connor, Senior District Judge Means, Bankruptcy Judge Lynn or Bankruptcy Judge Nelms; or</li> <li>2. an attorney with a valid bar identification card who has business in the chambers or courtroom of District Judge O'Connor, Senior District Judge Means, Magistrate Judge Cureton, Bankruptcy Judge Lynn or Bankruptcy Judge Nelms.</li> </ol>
Lubbock	Electronic communication devices may be used by any person having business with the court in the hallway outside of the courtroom, but they may not be brought into the courtroom.
San Angelo	Electronic communication devices may be used by any person having business with the court in the hallway outside of the courtroom, but they may not be brought into the courtroom.
Wichita Falls	Electronic communication devices may be used by any person having business with the court in the hallway outside of the courtroom, but they may not be brought into the courtroom.