

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ARCHULETA, LA PLATA and SAN JUAN COUNTIES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2012- 10

ORDER REGARDING POSSESSION OF MOBILE PHONES IN THE COURTROOMS
OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT


Recognizing the pervasiveness of mobile phones/devices (hereinafter "mobile phones) in society, the undersigned Chief Judge of the 6th Judicial District sets forth the following guidelines to allow possession of mobile phones in the courtroom:

1. The term "mobile phone" includes cellphones, smartphones, tablets, pagers, or any other device capable of sending and/or receiving communications.
2. Court personnel, law enforcement officers, attorneys, on-call advocates, and medical personnel may have mobile phones in the courtroom. Such phones must be on silent or vibrate mode while carried in the courtroom.
3. All other persons, including but not limited to litigants, witnesses, jurors and spectators, may have mobile phones in the courtroom. However, these individuals must turn off their mobile phones before entering the courtroom. These individuals must keep their mobile phones turned off while in the courtroom unless given express permission by the Court to do otherwise.
4. Security Officers may ensure that mobile phones are in an appropriate mode or powered down before entering the courtroom.

Failure of any person to follow the above guidelines may result in reprimand, confiscation of the mobile phone, a fine, and/or jail.

This Order is effective January 1, 2013 and supersedes Administrative Order 2010-0009.

DONE on November 23, 2012.


Gregory G. Lyman
Chief Judge, Sixth Judicial District