

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

IN RE:

BUSINESS OF THE COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

In order to protect the safety and security of employees and visitors to the Courthouses in the Western District of Missouri,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The possession and usage of cell phones, cameras or recording equipment within any Courthouse is prohibited except as authorized by specific Order or Local Rule of this Court, the policy of any agency within any Courthouse, or as specifically authorized by this Order;
2. For the safety and security of all tenants and members of the public who enter the Courthouses, no person may use a camera or electronic device to photograph or record the following interior areas of the courthouses: any courtroom, building entrances and exits, security checkpoints, General Service Administration common areas, public spaces, lobbies, foyers, corridors, and assembly rooms. Prior written approval for photography or recording in common areas may be granted for matters of public interest by Order of the Chief Judge of this District Court. Photography or recording in courtrooms is left to the discretion of the presiding judge;
3. Before persons with cameras, recording equipment, or electronic devices are granted entry into any Courthouse as permitted by this Order, all such devices must be examined by Court Security Personnel. This examination may include, but is not limited to, placing the device through an automatic or electronic screening and inspection system and requiring the person possessing the device to turn the power to the device off and then on;

4. The United States Marshals Service may limit the manner and location of the photography and recording described in paragraph 2 in order to protect the ability of the public to ingress and egress the building and for other purposes related to court security;

5. If the United States Marshals Service determines that a heightened security threat exists, the United States Marshals Service may further restrict cameras or electronic devices from entering the building until the United States Marshals Service determines that the heightened security threat is over, and

6. Under 28 USC § 566, the United States Marshals Service is hereby directed to enforce this Order and, in doing so, may confiscate any camera or electronic device from any person violating this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: January 24, 2022

/s/ Beth Phillips
BETH PHILLIPS, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT