

21ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, 335TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, 423RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT,
AND 465TH DISTRICT COURTS OF BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS
GENERAL ORDERS

STANDING ORDER REGARDING CELL PHONES AND
ELECTRONIC RECORDING DEVICES

No party to any lawsuit has requested this Order. Rather, this Order is a standing Order of the 21ST Judicial District, 335TH Judicial District, 423RD Judicial District, and the 465TH District Courts of Bastrop County, Texas that applies to all causes filed in the Bastrop County District Clerk's Office in Bastrop County, Texas.

This Standing Order of the 21ST Judicial District, 335TH Judicial District, 423RD Judicial District, and the 465TH District Courts of Bastrop County, Texas, applies to every pending or hereafter filed cases in the 21ST Judicial District, 335TH Judicial District, 423RD Judicial District, and the 465TH District Courts of Bastrop County, Texas. Nothing in this Order should be construed as to relieve an attorney or self-represented litigant of any legal or ethical obligation required by law, statute, or rule, including rules of procedure, evidence, or the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

Individuals may bring cell phones into any courtroom in which a District Court is conducting any hearing and/or trial. For security reasons, however, individuals may be asked to demonstrate his or her cellular telephone to a Court Security Officer, bailiff or other law enforcement officer that the device works as intended.

The photographing, recording, broadcasting or televising of any person, object proceeding inside the courtroom in which a District Court is conducting any hearing and/or trial is not permitted, unless authorized by the court. [See Rule No. 1.18 of the Local Rules for District Courts]. Court Security Officers, bailiffs and other law enforcement officers shall be extra vigilant in ensuring that cellular telephones with camera capabilities, cameras, or other recording devices are not used to photograph, record, broadcast, or televise any person, object or proceeding. Any individual who violates this Order may be subject to being removed from the courtroom and having his or her electronic device temporarily forfeited to the Court Security Officers, bailiffs, or other law enforcement officers.

Cellular telephones must be turned off while inside any courtroom.

Cellular telephones may be used outside of the courtrooms provided that they are used in a reasonable and non-disruptive manner.

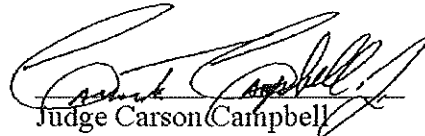
Each District Court reserves the right to modify or waive this Order on a case-by-case basis.


This Standing Order is not applicable to attorneys and their staff.


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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed on this 21 day of February, 2025.


Judge Carson Campbell
21ST District Court


Judge John D. Winkelmann
335TH District Court


Judge Christopher D. Duggan
423RD District Court


Judge Elizabeth F. Beyer
465TH District Court

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