

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Yamhill County

**In the Matter of Cell Phones and other
Personal Communication Devices in the
Courtroom.**

**PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER
PJO 2012 - 02**

Except as outlined below or as expressly approved by the judge, the use of cell phones or other personal communication devices in the courtroom is prohibited.

Personal communication devices (PCDs) include smart phones, blackberries, i-pads or other tablet computers, notebook computers, laptops or similar devices.

Use of cell phones or other PCDs to take photographs or other visual or audio recording is strictly prohibited without the express consent of the judge.

Law enforcement officers and adult and juvenile probation officers may have cell phones or other PCDs in their possession but they must be on vibrate, except for emergency purposes, while in the courtroom.

Attorneys at counsel table may keep cell phones or other PCDs on, but the phone or device must be in silent or vibrate mode. Attorneys at counsel table and are free to use other PCDs in connection with the case on which they are appearing for legal research, calendaring, review of documents, relevant internet searches or other case-related purposes so long as use of the equipment is not a distraction to others hearing the case.

Attorneys and probation officers who are not at counsel table may leave their phones on vibrate if expecting an important call. However, they are to:

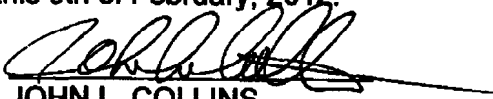
a) Sit in the jury box or use the jury room while waiting for their case to be called to avoid encouraging other spectators to use cell phones or other PCDs during periods of arraignment, sentencing or other hearing without a jury.

b) Use the jury room or staff office to text or use other PCDs but must go out to the hallway to make or receive phone calls.

c) Use a staff office off of the courtroom or the hallway for text messaging when a courtroom does not have a jury box or jury room.

DATED at McMinnville, Oregon, this 9th of February, 2012.

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JOHN L. COLLINS
Presiding Judge

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