

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
DUBLIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING
THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THE COURTHOUSE AND
COURTROOMS**

Upon consideration of the need to ensure courthouse security, preserve courtroom decorum, protect the integrity of judicial proceedings, and safeguard the rights of litigants, witnesses, and jurors, and pursuant to the authority of this Court, including Uniform Superior Court Rule 22, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Definitions

For purposes of this Order, “electronic device” includes any mobile (cellular) phone, smartphone, tablet, laptop, smart watch, or any device capable of communication, recording, photographing, or transmitting data.

2. Courthouse-Wide Provisions

Electronic devices may be possessed within common areas of the Laurens County Courthouse, subject to the following:

- No photographing, audio recording, or video recording shall occur anywhere in the courthouse without prior authorization of the Court.
- No livestreaming, broadcasting, or transmission of any court-related proceeding is permitted without express court approval.
- All devices must be used in a manner that does not disrupt courthouse operations or interfere with court security.

Court security personnel are authorized to enforce these provisions and may restrict possession or use of devices as necessary.

3. Courtroom Prohibition

No person shall enter any courtroom with a mobile (cellular) phone or other electronic device, except as provided herein.

4. Exempted Persons

The following individuals are exempt from the general prohibition and may possess electronic devices in the courtroom:

- Attorneys licensed to practice law
- Employees of attorneys
- Law enforcement officers

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- Court personnel
- Any other individual granted express permission by the Court

5. Self-Represented Litigants

In compliance with Uniform Superior Court Rule 22, any self-represented party (pro se litigant) must obtain prior approval from the presiding judge **before** entering the courtroom with an electronic device.

6. Required Settings for Permitted Devices

Any individual authorized to possess an electronic device in the courtroom shall ensure that the device is: (1) Powered off; or (2) Placed in silent mode so as not to disrupt proceedings. Use of such devices must be limited to purposes consistent with the administration of justice.

7. Prohibition on Recording and Photography in Courtrooms

Absent a specific order of the Court: (1) No person shall photograph, record audio, record video, or otherwise capture images or sounds within any courtroom, and (2) No person shall livestream, broadcast, or transmit courtroom proceedings. This prohibition applies to all persons, including those otherwise authorized to possess electronic devices.

8. Media Coverage

Requests by members of the media for photographing, recording, or broadcasting judicial proceedings shall be governed by applicable Georgia law and court rules and must be submitted in advance to the presiding judge. The Court retains sole discretion to: (1) Approve or deny such requests, (2) Impose limitations or conditions on coverage, and/or (3) Revoke previously granted permission at any time.

9. Jurors and Witnesses

Jurors and witnesses shall not bring cellular phones or other electronic devices into the courtroom unless expressly authorized by the Court. Failure to comply with this provision may result in confiscation of the device, removal from jury service, or contempt proceedings.

10. Security Screening and Storage

Court security personnel may (1) Prohibit entry of electronic devices into the courthouse or courtroom and/or (2) Require devices to be secured, stored, or surrendered as a condition of entry. The Court assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

11. Enforcement

Failure to comply with this Order may result in:


- Denial of entry to the courtroom or courthouse
- Removal from the courtroom
- Confiscation of the device for the duration of proceedings
- Revocation of permission to possess a device

- Contempt proceedings or other sanctions as deemed appropriate


12. Judicial Discretion

Nothing in this Order shall limit the authority of any judge of this Court to modify, suspend, or enforce these provisions in any particular case or proceeding.


SO ORDERED, this 7 day of May, 2026.




J. HELTON, *Chief Judge*
Laurens County Superior Court
This ___ day of _____, 2026



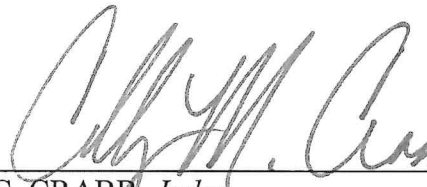
J. GREEN, *Judge*
Laurens County Superior Court
This 6th day of May, 2026




T. TAYLOR, *Judge*
Laurens County Superior Court
This 6 day of May, 2026



G. JACKSON, *Judge*
Laurens County Probate Court
This 7th day of May, 2026



C. CRABB, *Judge*
Laurens County Magistrate Court
This 6th day of May, 2026



P. SNIPES, *Judge*
Laurens County Juvenile Court
This 7th day of May, 2026