

STATE OF MICHIGAN 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OAKLAND COUNTY PROBATE COURT	ORDER REGARDING SECURITY POLICIES FOR COURT FACILITIES	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CIRCUIT 2018-12J PROBATE 2018-04J
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This administrative order is issued in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2001-1. The purpose of this order is to address the presence of weapons and other security issues in court facilities. This administrative order shall be effective on October 8, 2018.

IT IS ORDERED:

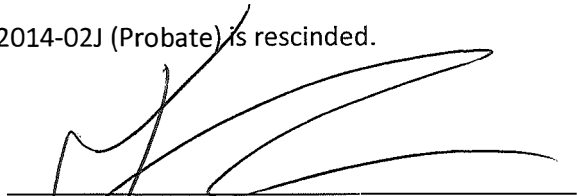
1. No weapons are allowed in the Oakland County Courthouse, Friend of the Court building, or any court satellite offices. This prohibition does not apply to Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies in the performance of their official duties, or to law enforcement officers appearing for court in the performance of their official duties only. Officers appearing at the Oakland County Courthouse, Friend of the Court building, or any court satellite offices on any personal matter may not carry a weapon or wear their uniform in these facilities. The Chief Judge may authorize an exception in extraordinary circumstances.
2. Except as provided in paragraph #1 above, all persons and their belongings and all parcels are subject to screening by the Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies for the purposes of keeping weapons from entering the facility.

If at any time there is an articulable and reasonable suspicion that a weapon may be found, a person or object is subject to search. The search shall be no more intrusive than necessary to protect against the dangers presented.

3. Notice shall be posted that "No weapons are permitted in the Oakland County Courthouse, Friend of the Court building, or any court satellite offices. All persons and parcels are subject to a search for weapons and restricted items as a condition of entry. Persons in violation of this order may be held in contempt of court."
4. Joint Administrative Order 2014-07J (Circuit) and 2014-02J (Probate) is rescinded.



Shalina D. Kumar
Chief Circuit Judge



Kathleen A. Ryan
Chief Probate Judge

10/3/18
Date

10/9/18
Date

Notes

April 2003 – The Circuit and Probate Courts' original joint local administrative order (Circuit 2001-02J / Probate 2001-01J) regarding security policies for court facilities was amended to prohibit weapons in court facilities except those assigned to Oakland County Sheriff's deputies and law enforcement officers appearing for court in the performance of their official duties only.

October 2003 – The Circuit and Probate Courts adopted a joint LAO that prohibited persons from entering court facilities with cameras and camera-enabled electronic devices. The SCAO stated that a ban on electronic recording devices is a security issue and should be addressed within the courts' joint LAO on security.

November 2003 – The Circuit and Probate Courts amended their security LAO to include a ban on cameras and camera-enabled electronic recording devices. The LAO was approved by the Supreme Court and assigned numbers 2003-09J (Circuit) and 2003-03J (Probate).

February 2005 – The Circuit and Probate Courts denied a request from the Oakland County Bar Association that its members be allowed to bring camera-enabled cell phones into court facilities.

April 2006 – The Circuit and Probate Courts granted a request by the Oakland County Bar Association that members of the State Bar be allowed to bring camera-enabled cell phones into court facilities. (Sec. 4.A.)

January 2010 – The Circuit and Probate Courts amended their security LAO to allow jurors and attorneys to bring laptop computers into court facilities. (Sec. 4.A. and B.)

November 2011 – The Circuit and Probate Courts clarified its exception that allows attorneys to bring camera-enabled cell phones and laptop computers into court facilities to mean attorneys admitted to the State Bar of Michigan and attorneys admitted pro hoc vice for specific cases. (Sec. 4.A.)

November 2012 – The Circuit and Probate Courts amended their security LAO to allow certified and qualified language and sign language interpreters to bring laptop computers, iPads, and/or cell phones that have electronic or other recording capabilities into court facilities. (Sec. 4.C.) The Circuit and Probate Courts also approved an amendment stating that unauthorized use of electronic recording devices contrary to this LAO may subject the offending party to sanctions. (Sec. 4.E.)

April 2013 – The Circuit and Probate Courts approved using the language “*tablet-style mobile computing devices*” to mean all present and future technology that is or will be permitted entry into court facilities. (Sec. 4.A, B. and C.). The text “*unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge of the case*” (Sec. 4.B.) was approved by the Circuit Court in April 2013 and the Probate Court in May 2013 to give judges discretion as to whether seated jurors should be allowed to bring laptops and mobile computing devices into the courthouse.

December 2013 – The Circuit and Probate Courts amended its security LAO to allow individuals to enter the Friend of the Court building with camera and/or recording-enabled cell phones. (Sec. 4.D.) Sections 4.D and 4.E, in existence prior to this amendment, were re-lettered 4.E and 4.F.

September 2014 – The Circuit and Probate Courts amended its security LAO to clarify who shall be responsible to approve requests by persons or media to enter court facilities with film or electronic recording devices. The chart in Section 4.E. shows the purpose for which access with film or electronic recording devices is requested and the official by whom approval must be given.

October 2018 – The Circuit and Probate Courts amended its security LAO to remove the technology provisions and integrate them into a separate court policy per MCR 8.115. See Policy Regarding Admission of Cell Phones and Other Technology into the Courthouse.