
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
DAVIS COUNTY | LAYTON
STATE OF UTAH

**IN RE: PHOTOGRAPHY, FILMING,
AND RECORDING IN COURTHOUSE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
FOR DAVIS COUNTY, LAYTON**

ORDER NO. 24-01B

Rule 4-401.02 of the Utah Code of Judicial Administration (UCJA) allows the use of portable electronic devices in courthouses, subject to restrictions set by Presiding Judges on time, place, and manner of use. To maintain safety, decorum, and order at courthouses in the Second District, the court hereby establishes restrictions on the use of portable electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, laptops, tablets, watches, cameras, etc.).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that there shall be no photography, filming, or recording (hereinafter known as “Recording”) in courthouses, except as authorized by court rule, a judge, or this Order. "Courthouse" includes building entrances and exits, public conference rooms, court kiosks and all areas within the building, including designated common areas. This Order is not intended to restrict Recording when conducted on court premises outside the courthouse building, provided the activities do not disrupt court operations, obstruct access to or from the building, or compromise safety and/or security.

Recording is prohibited in the following areas of the courthouse:

- Clerks' desks or offices, clerical workstations, court kiosks, and any other areas where court staff are helping members of the public.

- Security work or screening stations, Security Offices, Court Security Officers and Bailiffs, or in-custody transport areas.
- Areas where non-court personnel, such as legal aid, mediators, or educators are providing services to the public as authorized by the judiciary.
- All public restrooms.
- Courtrooms, unless authorized by a judge or court rule; and
- Any area of the courthouse not accessible to the public.

Recording is permitted in the following areas of the courthouse:

- Public hallways of the Layton Courthouse in the District Court areas not adjacent to courtroom doors, and:
- Public areas outside District Courtrooms 1 and 2 (recording devices and/or cameras must face away from courtroom entrances).

Recording court patrons entering or exiting courtroom doors is strictly prohibited without the person's expressed permission. Recording must be conducted with minimal noise and must not disrupt court operations or compromise safety or security. All portable electronic devices are subject to screening or inspection at the time of entry and at any time within the courthouse in accordance with UCJA rule 3-414. Portable electronic devices are subject to confiscation if there is reason to believe that a device is being used in violation of court rules or this Order.

Law enforcement officers with body cameras may not activate the recording function of the device in courtrooms or the courthouse when present for court business. This restriction does not apply when law enforcement is engaged in or responding to law enforcement activities, emergencies, or active crimes, or are otherwise authorized by a judicial officer or court rule.


This Order is not intended to interfere with or restrict the rights of media to request permission to provide electronic media coverage in accordance with UCJA rule 4-401.01.

A violation of this Order may be the basis for removal from the courthouse or an order to show cause for contempt.


A copy of this Order shall be provided to court employees and security officers. and shall be made available at the Court Security Desk, near the main public entrance. This Order shall be made available to anyone upon request.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 23rd day of December 2024.



Judge Ronald G. Russell
Presiding Judge
Second Judicial District Court



Judge Joseph M. Bean 12-26-24
Associate Presiding Judge
Second Judicial District Court

Amended Version of Second District Court General Court Order 02-09

ALL PERSONS ENTERING Second District Court facilities are subject to search for weapons, potential weapons, contraband, and any other object that may cause danger or injury to others, or that may disrupt the ordinary conduct of the business of the court. The sheriff, deputies, and other duly appointed peace officers are authorized to conduct searches and are authorized to confiscate any such objects or to refuse entrance to the court to anyone possessing these items. Screening may be conducted by metal detection, x-ray screening, and similar security devices. Law enforcement officers are authorized to conduct pat-down and other searches that they determine to be necessary to ensure the security of the court. Any items seized by law enforcement shall be forfeited and destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

Individuals who bring such objects to the court may be subject to contempt or arrest.

Date

12-26-24

Date

Judge Ronald G. Russell
Presiding Judge, Second Judicial District



Judge Joseph M. Bean

Associate Presiding Judge, Second Judicial District