

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

In re:

LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 5072-1(e), (f)
re: Courtroom Decorum / Devices / Recording

BANKRUPTCY GENERAL ORDER
No. 15- 001

**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING LBR 5072-1 TO PERMIT MEDIA USE
OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN COURT AND PROHIBIT RECORDING**

R.I. LBR 5072-1 states in part:

(e) Cellular Telephones, Laptop Computers, Tablets and Beepers. Anyone entering the courtroom is required to turn off all cellular phones and noise emitting beepers before entering the courtroom. Laptop computers and tablets will be allowed in the courtroom only upon prior request and approval of the Court, except while in use at counsel table.

(f) General Prohibition. Except to the extent expressly authorized by the Court, no person shall photograph, record, broadcast, or otherwise transmit any proceeding, event or activity in or from any interior portion of the United States Bankruptcy Court space. The Court may permit photographing, recording or broadcasting of ceremonial proceedings upon such terms and conditions as the Court may specify.

It is hereby ORDERED that members of the media who, prior to entering any interior portion of the United States Bankruptcy Court space (“the courtroom”), show professional credentials to Court Security shall be deemed to have the Court’s approval to use electronic devices, including but not limited to laptop computers, tablet computers, and cellular telephones, in the courtroom, including to transmit and/or publish text. No device permitted to be used pursuant to this order shall be used to make telephone calls or to photograph, record, broadcast, or otherwise transmit any proceeding, event or activity in or from the courtroom.

This order is effective immediately.

ENTER:



Diane Finkle
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

ORDER:



Susan M. Thurston
Clerk of Court

Date: January 14, 2015