

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: ESTABLISHING UNIFORM :  
RULES REGARDING TAKING :  
OF SOUND OR VIDEO :  
RECORDING, PHOTOGRAPHS :  
OR MOTION PICTURES IN :  
THE LEHIGH COUNTY :  
COURTHOUSE, THE OLD :  
LEHIGH COUNTY COURTHOUSE :  
OR IN THE OFFICES OR COURT :  
ROOMS OF THE MAGISTERIAL :  
DISTRICT COURTS OF THE 31<sup>ST</sup> :  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT (LEHIGH :  
COUNTY) OR THEIR ENVIRONS :

No.: 2020-J-0085

I, Andrea E. Naugle, Clerk of Judicial Records of the Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County, Allentown, PA do certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original record filed in said Court.

Andrea E. Naugle, Clerk of Judicial Records

2-3-2020  
Date

Melissa Rio  
Deputy

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

AND NOW, this 31 day of January, 2020,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

- 1.) No sound recording, video recording, photograph or motion picture may be made or taken in the Lehigh County Courthouse, the Old Lehigh County Courthouse or in the offices or courtrooms of the Magisterial District Courts of the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District (Lehigh County) without the prior permission of the President Judge or the presiding judge, presiding hearing officer or the designee of the President Judge, the presiding judge or the presiding hearing officer.
- 2.) All electronic devices, including cell phones, tablets, laptops, and cameras, shall be powered off (not simply muted) in all hearing rooms, courtrooms and in the area immediately surrounding the entrances and exits of such rooms in the Lehigh County Courthouse, the Old Lehigh County Courthouse, and in the offices and courtrooms of the

Magisterial District Courts of the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District (Lehigh County) unless permission to activate such device has first been obtained from the President Judge, the presiding judge, the presiding hearing officer or the designee of the President Judge, the presiding judge or the presiding hearing officer.

3.) The transmission of any conversation or testimony taken by any electronic means during any judicial proceeding without the prior permission of the President Judge, the presiding judge, the presiding hearing officer or the designee of the presiding judge or the presiding hearing officer is strictly prohibited.

4.) Violation of this Order may constitute contempt of court and result in the confiscation of such device, the deletion of any offending data or material on such device, the imposition of a fine of up to \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment of up to six (6) months.

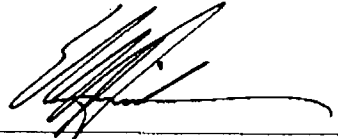
5.) The President Judge, the presiding judge, the presiding hearing officer, the Court Administrator, or the designee of the President Judge, the presiding judge, the presiding hearing officer or the Court Administrator, including the courtroom staff of the President Judge, the presiding judge or the presiding hearing officer, and the Sheriff of Lehigh County or his deputy, are authorized to enforce this Order, including taking immediate possession of any offending device.

6.) Any device confiscated pursuant to this Order that is not claimed by its lawful owner within seven (7) business days of such confiscation shall be deemed forfeited to the County of Lehigh.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that one (1) certified copy of this Order shall be filed by the Court Administrator of Lehigh County with the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts; that two (2) certified copies and a CD-ROM copy that complies with the requirement of Pa. Code §13.11(b) shall be filed with the Legislative Reference Bureau for

publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin; and that one (1) certified copy shall be filed with the Criminal, Civil, Domestic Relations, Juvenile Court and Orphans' Court Rules Committees, which Committees have certified to this court that this Administrative Order is not inconsistent with any general rule of the Supreme Court. Finally, it is ordered that the Court Administrator of Lehigh County publish a copy of this Order on the Unified Judicial System's web site at <http://ujportal.pacourts.us/localrules/ruleselection.aspx>.

BY THE COURT:



Edward D. Reibman, P.J.