

**POLICY ON THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES BY  
COUNSEL DURING ORAL ARGUMENT**

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

1. The use of personally owned electronic devices (such as laptop and tablet computers) in the courtrooms of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals during argument is permitted, limited to counsel, and only in support of the proceedings before the Court.
2. All devices must be set to mute prior to entering the courtroom. No sounds will be permitted.
3. Taking photographs, and making video and/or audio recordings of any type are strictly prohibited.
4. Internet access is not provided for personally owned devices and counsel should come prepared with all needed material loaded on the device prior to the commencement of court.
5. Courtroom electrical outlets are not available for use with personal electronic devices, and attorneys are encouraged to bring their devices to court fully charged. The electrical outlets located in attorney waiting rooms and other common space within the courthouse may be used to recharge devices as needed and as the outlets are available.
6. Devices which distract from, interfere with or disrupt a proceeding will be removed from the courtroom.
7. Devices which interfere with court equipment will be removed from the courtroom.
8. No spectator will be permitted to use any electronic device inside the courtroom.

9. The Court may at any time limit the use of electronic devices during or before oral argument to avoid distraction or otherwise facilitate the proceedings.

10. Court staff are not available to assist counsel with the use of personally owned electronic devices.

11. Counsel must follow any directives issued by court personnel with regard to the use of electronic devices in the courtroom.