

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

**IN THE MATTER OF CAMERAS)
AND OTHER IMAGE/VIDEO DEVICES)
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GENERAL ORDER

2007-10

Recognizing that wireless access to internet transmissions may be available in the courthouses of this Court, and that access to and use of such communications systems may benefit the public and the practicing bar as long as the business of the Court is not disrupted,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) Members of the bar and the public may bring computers into the courthouses in Omaha, Lincoln and North Platte.

(2) Wireless internet equipment may be used at such places throughout the courthouses in Omaha, Lincoln and North Platte as the Chief Judge may from time to time authorize.

(3) The Chief Judge may adopt such temporary rules governing wireless internet access as the Chief Judge may think proper.

(4) Members of the bar and the public may access the internet using wireless internet equipment at any place in the courthouses including courtrooms unless otherwise prohibited.

(5) Each judge has the authority to regulate or prohibit use of computers and use of wireless internet in his or her courtroom or chambers.

(6) The privilege of using computers and wireless internet access in the Omaha, Lincoln or North Platte courthouses may be withdrawn from any one person, from any group of persons or from all persons for any reason or no reason at all and without notice by order of the Chief Judge.

(7) Notwithstanding the availability of wireless internet and the authorization to connect to the internet using a computer, no person may photograph, televise, record, or broadcast images or sound in violation of NGenR 1.6(f) or (g).

(8) The use of computers or wireless internet in violation of the law or in a manner that disrupts any business of the Court is prohibited.

(9) No person shall photograph, video record, or televise, or cause to be photographed, video recorded, or televised, any person or thing in a courtroom, jury room, corridor of the building on the floor on which a courtroom or jury room is located, or judge's chambers. The term "televise" includes broadcasting via the Internet.

(10) The cost of access to wireless internet will not be borne by the United States generally or the United States Courts specifically.

(11) This Order does not pertain to the courtrooms or offices of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, facilities used by the grand jury, or facilities used by law enforcement agencies in the courthouses (such as the United States Marshals Service or the Federal Bureau of Investigation).

(12) The United States Marshals Service is authorized to enforce the provisions of the general order and the Service is given broad, discretionary power to do so.

(13) The Order shall expire on December 21, 2008, unless sooner vacated.

(14) The Clerk of Court will monitor and report to the Judicial Council on the use of wireless internet access within the Court.

DATED this 3rd day of July, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

s/Joseph F. Bataillon
Chief United States District Judge