

STATE OF MICHIGAN 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OAKLAND COUNTY PROBATE COURT	ORDER REGARDING SECURITY POLICIES FOR COURT FACILITIES	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CIRCUIT 2008-<u>5</u> J PROBATE 2008-<u>5</u> J
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This administrative order is issued in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2001-1. The purpose of this order is to address the presence of weapons and other security issues in court facilities.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. No weapons are allowed in the Oakland County Courthouse, Friend of the Court building, or any court satellite offices. This prohibition does not apply to Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies in the performance of their official duties, or to law enforcement officers appearing for court in the performance of their official duties only. Officers appearing at the Oakland County Courthouse, Friend of the Court building, or any court satellite offices on any personal matter may not carry a weapon or wear their uniform in these facilities. The Chief Judge may authorize an exception in extraordinary circumstances.
2. Except as provided in paragraph #1 above, all persons and their belongings and all parcels are subject to screening by the Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies for the purposes of keeping weapons from entering the facility.

If at any time there is an articulable and reasonable suspicion that a weapon may be found, a person or object is subject to search. The search shall be no more intrusive than necessary to protect against the dangers presented.

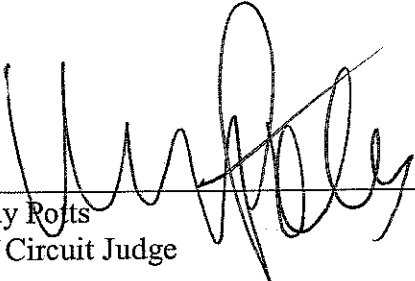
3. Notice shall be posted that "No weapons are permitted in the Oakland County Courthouse, Friend of the Court building, or any court satellite offices. All persons and parcels are subject to a search for weapons and restricted items as a condition of entry. Persons in violation of this order may be held in contempt of court."
4. Given the proliferation of film and electronic recording media and equipment, and the potential for unauthorized recording of court proceedings, all film or electronic recording devices are prohibited from the Courthouse, Friend of the Court building, and all other court satellite offices. In accordance with this policy, all persons shall be prohibited from entering the Courthouse while in possession of cameras, video cameras, video recorders, tape recorders, cell phones with photographic or video recording capabilities, or any other device equipped with camera or recording features.

EXCEPTION: Attorneys and qualified Department of Health and Human Services employees may bring cell phones and PDAs equipped with photographic, video and/or audio recording capabilities into the Courthouse and other Circuit Court facilities. Cell phones and PDAs may be used for communication only in public areas. Cell phones and PDAs must be turned off in the courtrooms and hearing rooms and may not be used for

recording purposes. Other individuals who wish to enter the courthouse with a film or electronic recording device may request an exception to this policy from the judge presiding over the applicable court proceeding. All other exceptions shall be presented to the Chief Judge for approval. Requests for film or electronic media coverage of a court proceeding shall be governed by Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1.

5. Joint Administrative Order 2006-10J (Circuit) and 2006-04J (Probate) is rescinded.

This Administrative Order is effective January 1, 2009.



Wendy Rotts
Chief Circuit Judge



Elizabeth Pezzetti
Chief Probate Judge

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