

Minnesota Judicial Branch

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I. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Minnesota Judicial Branch that attorneys and self-represented litigants are permitted to use electronic devices in courtrooms and hearing rooms to assist with calendar issues and other case processing matters.

Each judicial district shall establish a policy to address what is acceptable regarding the possession and use of electronic devices by other court participants and by court visitors, while at the same time not interfering with the discretion of the presiding judicial officer to operate the courtroom in an appropriate manner.

Each district plan shall be accompanied by an implementation plan designed to inform court visitors and court participants of the policy.

II. IMPLEMENTATION AUTHORITY

Implementation of this policy shall be the responsibility of the Chief Judges.

III. EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

None.