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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EAST ST. LOUIS OFFICE

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Administrative Order No. 1168

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Effective January 1, 2015, the Court will allow credentialed members of the media to bring the following electronic devices into the courthouse and courtrooms: laptops, tablets, and smartphones. The Clerk of Court shall maintain the list of eligible credentialed media members and shall provide said list to the Court Security Officers for use during building entry screening. Nonverbal use of the electronic devices in courtrooms shall be permitted provided it is silent and does not create any disturbance. The presiding judge in the courtroom is authorized to determine whether use of an electronic device is disturbing to the proceeding at hand and to direct its discontinuance if found to be disruptive.

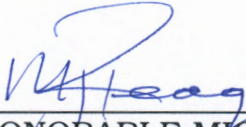
Credentialed members of the media shall be defined as persons employed by a newspaper company, magazine publishing company, internet news outlet, blog, radio company, or television company and who has signed an agreement to comply with the policy of the Court (found on the Court's website). The Court reserves the right to perform a background check and due diligence examination on issues which would bear directly on subject matter at hand. Should that due diligence result in a rejection of credentials, the applicant will be given an

opportunity to discuss the reasons for said rejection with the Chief Judge in an effort to determine if a reversal of the determination may result.

Violation of this Administrative Order will require the immediate deletion of the offending material from the media member's device(s). Furthermore, the credentials of the media member will be suspended by the Chief Judge for no less than three months for the first violation, no less than six months for the second violation, no less than nine months for the third violation, no less than one year for the fourth violation, and any violations beyond that at the discretion of the Chief Judge.

Photographs, video, and audio recordings will not be allowed unless and until the rules of the Judicial Conference change to permit it. Any person who is found to be recording visually or audibly any proceeding in the courthouse, or photographing the same may be subject to a contempt proceeding and/or any additional remedy or penalty provided by statute in order to enforce the rules of the Judicial Conference.

This Order is dated this October 21st, 2014.



HONORABLE MICHAEL J. REAGAN
Chief United States District Judge