

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

STANDING ORDER 2015-10

IT IS ORDERED that effective January 1, 2016 pending final adoption, the Local Rules of this Court shall be deemed amended on an interim basis to add a new Local Rule 9037-1 as follows:

PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS, RECORDING AND BROADCAST PROHIBITIONS

(a) *Redacted Filings.*

All electronic or paper filings with the Court shall comply with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037. Counsel or, if applicable, the party making a filing shall be solely responsible for compliance with this Rule. The Clerk will not review each pleading for compliance.

(b) *Photographing, Recording and Broadcasting Generally Prohibited.*

No person shall employ any device, including without limitation, any recording device, video or still camera, cellular or smart phone, or laptop or other computer, in order to record (by audio or video), photograph, or broadcast any court proceeding. Photography, streaming and video and audio recording are strictly prohibited on any floor of any building in which this Court regularly conducts business (including lobbies, the Clerk's office, chambers, corridors and other areas outside the courtrooms) as well as in the courtrooms even when the Court is not in session. Photographing or recording any Court proceeding or Court personnel performing their duties from a location outside the courthouse is also prohibited, including without limitation in conjunction with an appearance made by telephone or videoconference. Absent a more restrictive order (such as a specific judge's standing order or an order entered in a specific case), attorneys may use the text functions of electronic devices while proceedings are in session (such as typing documents, emailing, text messaging and tweeting) if conducted in a non-disruptive manner. Electronic devices must be silenced and only keyboards that can be operated quietly will be allowed. No person shall post for public display, by internet or otherwise, any photograph or video and audio recording made on any floor of any building in which this Court regularly conducts business. A person may seek leave of Court or written authorization of the Clerk of this Court to engage in specific activities that are prohibited by this Order, such as for public ceremonial functions.

(c) *Official Court Business*

This Court's employees and contractors, as well as the United States Marshal, his or her deputies and court security officers, are not prohibited by paragraph (a) above from

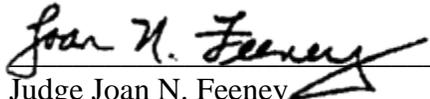
taking photographs or making video and audio recordings or transmitting them for the sole purpose of discharging their official duties.

(d) *Sanctions*

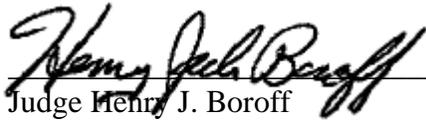
Use of any electronic device in violation of any of the above provisions may subject the violator to monetary and non-monetary sanctions.



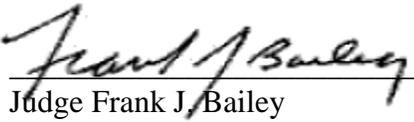
Chief Judge Melvin S. Hoffman



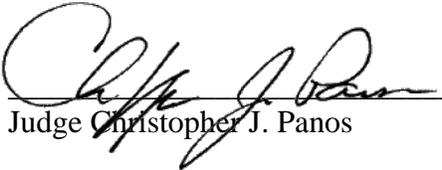
Judge Joan N. Feeney



Judge Henry J. Boroff



Judge Frank J. Bailey



Judge Christopher J. Panos

Dated:

December 16, 2015