

**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER JB-05-16 (A. 5-08)

USE OF CELLULAR PHONES, PAGERS, COMPUTERS, AND OTHER
ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN COURTHOUSES

Effective May 1, 2008

This order amends JB-05-16, signed June 29, 2005 and effective August 1, 2005.

All cellular phones, pagers, computers, and other electronic devices shall be turned off prior to entering the courtroom, unless otherwise authorized by the presiding judge, justice, or magistrate.

All camera use in a courthouse is subject to JB-05-15. Any camera, cell phone, computer, or other electronic device that also contains a camera or is equipped to take photographs in a courthouse may be subject to confiscation, unless use is authorized pursuant to JB-05-15.

For the Court,

Leigh I. Saufley
Chief Justice

Promulgation Date: April 15, 2008

Historical Derivation of JB-05-16:

Use of Cellular Phones, Pagers, and Other Electronic Devices in Courtrooms
AO JB-05-16, Effective August 1, 2005 and Dated June 29, 2005
Signed by: Leigh I. Saufley, Chief Justice, Maine Supreme Judicial Court

Bringing Of Cellular Phones And Pagers Into Superior Courtrooms
Superior Court AO Dated: September 3, 1997
Signed by: Margaret J. Kravchuk, Chief Justice, Maine Superior Court