

Proposed Amendment to D.N.M.LR-Civ. 83.1
(Clean Version)

83.1 Courtroom and Courthouse Decorum. *[amended (date)]*

- (a) **Prohibition Against Cameras, Cellular Telephones with Cameras, Transmitters, Receivers, and Recording Equipment.** No cameras, cellular telephones with cameras, transmitters, receivers or recording equipment may be brought into or used in any courtroom or court environs. Environs include:
- the entire floor where a courtroom is located;
 - the entire floor where the grand jury meets; and
 - the entire floor where a chambers of any Magistrate or District Judge is located.
- (b) **Authority to Impound Equipment.** The U. S. Marshals Service may impound the above-described equipment brought into the courtroom or its environs.
- (c) **Exemptions from Prohibition.** The prohibitions of this rule do not apply to:
- (1) a stenographic or recording device used by an official court reporter or other authorized court personnel;
 - (2) equipment brought into court during investiture, ceremonial or naturalization proceedings;
 - (3) a telephone or pager if turned off while court is in session;
 - (4) a lap-top computer as long as it does not make noise or interfere with court proceedings and it is not used to record or transmit court proceedings;
 - (5) a note-taking or other device required because of a person's disability; or
 - (6) attorneys and jurors with cellular telephones with cameras, but prohibit the use of the camera or recording features while in the courtroom or court environs; or
 - (7) court orders authorizing the use of such equipment.