

## **RULE 83.8**

**(As amended November 13, 2003)**

### **SECURITY**

#### **(a) Courthouse Security**

(1) Screening and Search. All persons entering federal courthouse facilities in this district and all items carried by them are subject to appropriate screening and search by a deputy U.S. Marshal, or any other designated law enforcement officer. Persons may be requested to provide identification and to state the nature of their business in the courthouse. Anyone refusing to cooperate with these security measures may be denied entrance to the courthouse.

(2) Deposit Firearms. All persons, including all law enforcement personnel not employed by the United States Marshals Service, shall deposit any firearm or other weapon with a deputy U. S. Marshal or any other law enforcement officer designated by the U. S. Marshal, directly upon entering federal courthouse facilities, unless otherwise specifically authorized by the United States Marshal.

(3) Photographs and Broadcasting Equipment. The taking of photographs, the recording of court proceedings and conferences, and the use of radio, television or other broadcasting equipment anywhere in the Edward T. Gignoux U. S. Courthouse at Portland, including the courtyard, or in those portions of the second and third floors of the Margaret Chase Smith Federal Building at Bangor, or in any leased space occupied by the district court, the bankruptcy court, the probation office or the United States Marshal, are prohibited, except with permission of the Court. The recording of telephone hearings or conferences with the Court is prohibited, except with permission of the Court.

(4) Cellular Phones, Laptop Computers and Recording Devices. Members of the Bar of this Court shall be permitted to use and possess cellular phones, laptop computers and other recording devices in the court facilities. A member of the Bar may authorize a person providing services to counsel in connection with a case to use a laptop computer or other recording device in the court facilities upon Counsel's certification that he/she will be responsible for that person's compliance with the Rules of this Court. However, all cellular phones, pagers and recording devices shall be turned off at all times while in any courtroom. Without prior leave of the Court, no proceeding, conference or telephone conference with any judicial officer or employee of the Court may be recorded.

**(b) Courtroom Security**

(1) Weapons Prohibited. No weapons are permitted in any courtroom, except in the following circumstances:

(A) when carried by U. S. Marshals Service personnel;

(B) when used as exhibits. Upon entering the courthouse, the custodian of the weapon must submit it to the United States Marshal's office for a determination that the weapon is inoperative to the Marshal's satisfaction.

**(c) Grand Jury Security**

In order to maintain the secrecy of the Grand Jury proceedings and to assure that those witnesses who come before the Grand Jury have a right to have their appearances before the Grand Jury kept secret and that they be protected from any unwanted interference with regard to their coming and going to the Grand Jury, the only persons permitted on the second floor of the U. S. Courthouse in Bangor and on the third floor of the U. S. Courthouse in Portland while the Grand Jury is in session are law enforcement officers, attorneys for the government, witnesses called by the Grand Jury, attorneys for witnesses, employees and invitees of government agencies located on the premises, and other persons with business with those government agencies.

**(d) Other Security Measures**

This rule sets out established security procedures. It does not preclude either the Court or a security officer from imposing additional security restrictions in particular cases.