

RULE 83.8

(As amended December 23, 2008)

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) Cellular Telephones, Photographs, Recording and Transmission. In the Edward T. Gignoux U.S. Courthouse in Portland, including its courtyard, and in those parts of the Margaret Chase Smith Federal Building occupied or used by the United States District Court and in any other space occupied or used by the United States District Court, the bankruptcy court, the probation office or the U.S. Marshal, the possession and use of cellular telephones or other wireless communication devices, computers and recording devices, the creation of photographs, including digital or video images, the recording or transmission of information, sound or images by any means, or the possession and use of radio, television or broadcasting equipment is prohibited without prior approval of the court. Without prior approval of the Court, parties may not use electronic devices to access the internet or electronic mail. Nothing in this rule restricts the Court's inherent power to prohibit or restrict the use of any such devices at any time.

(4) Cellular Phones, Computers, Other Wireless Communication Devices and Recording Devices for Use by Members of the Bar. Subject to the Court's inherent power to prohibit or to restrict the use of such devices, members of the bar of this Court are permitted to use and possess cellular telephones, other wireless communication devices, computers and recording devices in the court facilities identified in subdivision (a)(3), provided that such use is silent or otherwise does not interfere with the proceedings and provided that no photographic, digital, video or audio transmission or recording of any court proceeding or facility occurs in violation of subdivision (a)(3). A member of the bar may authorize a person providing services to that member of the bar in connection with a case to use a cellular telephone, wireless communication device, computer or recording device in the court facilities on the same basis as a member of

the bar. The member of the bar authorizing such use is responsible for that person's compliance with the rules of this Court. No voice telephone or audible electronic communications are permitted in any courtroom at any time or in any location where a Court proceeding or conference is being held.

(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.