
STATE OF MICHIGAN
GENESEE COUNTY
7th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PROBATE COURT

**In Re:
Security Policies for
Court Facilities**

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER
(LAO) 2006-10J
(LAO) 2006-6J

7th Judicial Circuit Court/Genesee County Probate Court, 900 S. Saginaw St., Flint, MI 48502 (810) 424-4355

This local administrative order is issued in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2001-1. The purpose of this order is to address the presence of weapons and other security issues in court facilities.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. No weapons are allowed in the Genesee County Courthouse [Courthouse] or any court satellite offices, including the Offices of the Friend of the Court and the Galliver Building, which houses Juvenile Probation, Court Services and the Drug Court Unit.

This prohibition does not apply to Genesee County Sheriff Department personnel in the performance of their official duties, or to law enforcement officers appearing in the performance of their official duties.

Officers appearing at the Courthouse or any court satellite offices, on any personal matter, may not carry a weapon. The Chief Judge may authorize an exception in extraordinary circumstances.

2. All persons, their belongings and parcels are subject to screening by the Genesee County Sheriff Department for purposes of keeping weapons from entering court facilities.

If at any time there is an articulable and reasonable suspicion that a weapon may be found, a person or object is subject to search. The search shall be no more intrusive than necessary to protect against the dangers presented.

3. Notice shall be posted at the entrances to the Courthouse and any satellite offices, that weapons are not permitted and that all persons, belongings and parcels are subject to a search for weapons and restricted items, as a condition of entry. Persons in violation of this order may be held in contempt of court.

4. Because of the potential for unauthorized recording of court proceedings, all film or electronic recording devices are prohibited from the Courthouse or any of its satellite facilities. In accordance with this policy, all persons shall be prohibited from entering

the Courthouse or any of its satellite offices while in possession of a camera, video camera, video recorder, tape recorder or any other device equipped with recording features.

An individual who seeks to enter the Courthouse or any of its satellite facilities with a film or electronic recording device may request an exception to this policy from the judge presiding over the applicable court proceeding. All other exceptions shall be presented to the Chief Judge for approval. Requests for film or electronic media coverage of a court proceeding shall be governed by Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1998-1.

5. All pagers and cell phones, including camera phones, must be turned off or put on silent mode when in a courtroom, hearing room or judicial office. A uniform sign will be posted at the entry of each courtroom. Any sanction imposed will be determined by the individual judge.

6. Joint local administrative order #2001-IJ is rescinded, as it relates to the Genesee County Probate and 7th Judicial Circuit Court.

Archie L. Hayman, Chief Judge
7th Judicial Circuit

Robert E. Weiss, Chief Judge
Genesee County Probate Court

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