

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2011-108

In Re: Electronic Book Reader Usage in the  
Courthouse

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At a regularly scheduled Judges' Meeting, the current policy regarding the use of electronic devices in the federal courthouse facilities within the Southern District of Florida was reviewed. On July 31, 2006, former Chief Judge William J. Zloch issued Administrative Order 2006-16 limiting the types of electronic devices that may be brought into any federal courthouse facility within the Southern District of Florida. One of the exceptions to the above policy, as stated in paragraph I.F. and amended by Administrative Order 2008-07, allows "[p]rospective jurors and seated jurors and witnesses with subpoenas . . . to bring into the Federal Courthouses their cellular phones - with or without their integrated cameras." Upon further consideration, based upon the majority vote of Judges in attendance considering the matter, it is

ORDERED that electronic book (ebook) readers of any type, such as Kindles, Nooks, or iPads may be brought into the Federal Courthouses of the Southern District by prospective jurors and seated jurors and witnesses with subpoenas. The language<sup>1</sup> of paragraph I.F. of Administrative Order 2006-16 is amended as follows:

- F. Prospective jurors and seated jurors and witnesses with subpoenas shall be permitted to bring into the Federal Courthouses their cellular phones = (with or without their integrated cameras) and electronic book readers of any kind, including but not limited to Kindles, Nooks, iPads, and any type of electronic tablet reading device.

All other provisions of the prior Order 2006-16 shall remain in effect. Violators shall

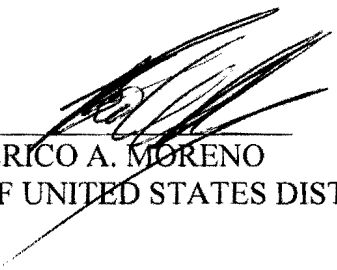
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<sup>1</sup>Deleted sections are ~~stricken~~ and language to be added is double underlined.

continue to be subject to the contempt order issued by former Chief Judge William J. Zloch in Administrative Order 2006-16.

Any District Judge can, of course, modify this order as it relates to the possession of ebook readers within the courtroom over which that judge is presiding. Any modification, however, should consider the fact that a uniform rule assists the Deputy United States Marshals and the Court Security Officers in enforcing the rules and protecting us.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Miami, Florida this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2011.

  
FEDERICO A. MORENO  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Honorable Joel F. Dubina, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit  
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