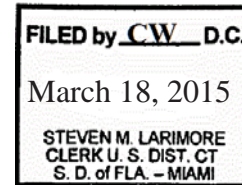


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-21

**IN RE: CAMERA AND CELLULAR PHONE USAGE
IN THE COURTHOUSE FOR ATTENDEES OF
NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES**



At a regularly scheduled Judges' Meeting, the current pilot project permitting the use of a photographer for naturalization ceremonies at the United States Courthouse located in West Palm Beach, Florida has been discontinued. Administrative Order 2006-16 and Southern District of Florida Local Rule 77.1 prohibit cameras and cellular phones from being brought into any federal courthouse facility within the Southern District of Florida. One of the exceptions to the above policy, as specifically mentioned in Rule 77.1 and clarified in the 2006-16 Order, is the permitted use, upon a written order signed by a judge and verified by the United States Marshals Service, of cameras and cellular phones in connection with naturalization hearings. These hearings are ceremonial and festive occasions intended to celebrate the process by which U.S. citizenship is conferred upon a foreign citizen or national. Upon consideration of the above and through a majority vote of the Judges in attendance, it is

ORDERED that cameras and cellular phones may be brought into the federal courthouses of the Southern District by attendees of naturalization hearings with the limitation that their use shall continue to be prohibited inside the District's courtrooms unless specifically permitted by the presiding judge. Administrative Order 2006-16 is thereby amended as follows:

Paragraph I.G. shall be added with the following language:

- G. Attendees of naturalization hearings shall be permitted to bring into the federal courthouses their cellular phones (with or without their integrated cameras).

Paragraph II. Shall be deleted and replaced with the following language:

II. Cameras and Cellular Phones with Integrated Camera Device

Pursuant to Southern District of Florida Local Rule 77.1, cameras of any type are not allowed in any of the federal courthouse facilities without a written order signed by a judge and verified by the United States Marshals Service except for attendees of naturalization hearings. Notwithstanding that local rule, those persons permitted to bring a cellular phone into a federal courthouse facility, pursuant to the exceptions listed, may bring that cellular phone, even if it contains an integrated camera device, into any federal courthouse. **No cellular phones of any kind may be used in a courtroom or jury deliberations room. No photographs of any kind may be taken in any federal courthouse facility except in connection with naturalization hearings. It will be within the discretion of the presiding judge whether photographs are allowed to be taken inside the courtroom during naturalization hearings.**

All other provisions of the prior Order 2006-16 not superseded by Administrative Orders 2008-07, 2009-12 and 2011-108 shall remain in effect. Violators shall continue to be subject to the contempt order issued by former Chief Judge William J. Zloch in Administrative Order 2006-16.

This Order shall be effective immediately.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida this 18th day of March 2015.



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K. MICHAEL MOORE
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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