



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

NOTICE OF NEW SECURITY REQUIREMENTS REGARDING CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IN COURTHOUSE FACILITIES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 14, 2003

In conjunction with new security directives of the U.S. Marshal's Service, this court has entered Administrative Order 03-4 "**Order Supplementing Local Rule 5001-2(C) Regarding Court Security and Electronic Devices**" to clarify the status of existing rules and policies regarding electronic equipment in facilities occupied by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida. The following new security requirements are in effect October 14, 2003 for visitors to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court facilities on the 14th floor of the Claude Pepper Building in Miami, and for the entire West Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale courthouse buildings:

Visitors with electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones, pagers, personal data assistants (PDA), laptop computers, tape recorders, etc. will not be permitted to enter the 14th floor of the Claude Pepper Federal Building in Miami, or any areas of the West Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale courthouse buildings.

This restriction does not apply to individuals possessing valid identification identifying them as belonging to the following categories: federal courthouse employees, members of the Florida Bar, US government or State of Florida law enforcement officers, court licensed court reporters, U.S. Trustees' Office staff, designated bankruptcy trustees and those possessing a written request signed by a federal judge or designated authority and verified by the U.S. Marshal's Service. ***Note: Absent permission of the presiding judge, recording and communications devices must remain off while court is in session.***

Cameras of any type, including cell phones which have a camera device, are not allowed unless a written order signed by a federal judge and verified by the U.S. Marshal's Service is presented to the court security officer. Exception: - U.S. Probation Officers and courthouse employees. ***See also Local Rule 77.1 of the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida.***

IMPORTANT NOTE: NEITHER THE U.S. MARSHAL'S SERVICE NOR THE COURT WILL PROVIDE STORAGE FOR VISITORS POSSESSING ELECTRONIC DEVICES NOT PERMITTED INSIDE A FEDERAL COURTHOUSE FACILITY.