



Application for and Agreement Regarding
The Use Of A Laptop Or Tablet In The Courtroom

The rules set forth herein apply in all proceedings held in the criminal case entitled USA v. Kwok Chow et al., case # CR 14-0196 CRB.

I, _____, understand the following:

1. Rule 53 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure provides that "the court must not permit the taking of photographs in the courtroom during judicial proceedings or the broadcasting of judicial proceedings from the courtroom."
2. Policies of the Judicial Conference of the United States generally prohibit, in both civil and criminal cases in all district courts, broadcasting, televising, recording, or photographing courtroom proceedings for the purpose of public dissemination.
3. General Order 58 provides that "Photographs may not be taken and images may not be captured by any means in the courthouse or in the courthouse portions of the building."
4. General Order 58 further provides that "no electronic device may be used in any courtroom without express permission, in advance, from the presiding judge."
5. In this case, the presiding judge has ordered that all cellular phones in the possession of members of the public and the media are to be powered off at all times in the courtroom.

By signing this agreement, I apply for the privilege of using my laptop or tablet in the courtroom, subject to the following conditions:

1. Use must be quiet and non-disruptive.
2. Only text functions may be used.
3. Use of photographic, audio, or video functions will result in loss of the privilege conferred under this agreement, possible confiscation of my equipment, and any other sanction the presiding judge deems appropriate.
4. In order for the court security officers to determine that I have the court's permission to use my laptop or tablet in the courtroom, I will display a court-issued badge in the courtroom. This badge is for my use alone and may not be transferred.

Date

Signature

THE APPLICANT MAY NOT USE A LAPTOP OR TABLET IN THE COURTROOM UNLESS AND UNTIL A BADGE HAS BEEN ISSUED. ISSUANCE OF A BADGE TO THE APPLICANT WILL CONSTITUTE THE COURT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THIS APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT.