

No. 142, Original

**In the
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff

v.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Defendant

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL MASTER

ORDER REGARDING USE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

October 11, 2016

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After consulting with the Clerk and the Chief Judge for the District of Maine Bankruptcy Court regarding the use of laptops and cell phones, and in light of standard practice in the courthouse, I order as follows:

1. Rule 83.8 of the Local Rules for the District of Maine will control.
2. All counsel of record in attendance shall be deemed to be members of the bar of the District of Maine solely for purposes of applying Local Rule 83.8.
3. The persons authorized by counsel in accord with Local Rule 83.8(a)(4) must be limited as follows:
 - (a) Lead counsel for each party may authorize one paralegal or consultant who is assisting counsel to use a cell phone and/or laptop in the same manner as counsel may.
 - (b) Lead counsel for each party may authorize a testifying witness who needs his or her laptop as a resource while testifying to have a laptop in the courtroom on the day that witness is expected to testify.
4. The marshals will have a list of counsel of record, and they will allow counsel of record to bring in cell phones and/or laptops. If any party also wishes to have a paralegal or consultant use a cell phone or laptop in the courtroom pursuant to ¶ 3(a), counsel need to send us the name of that person so that we may alert the marshals.
5. When a witness needs to have a laptop as a resource while testifying pursuant to ¶ 3(b), counsel should bring in the laptop for the witness.
6. All other cell phones and laptops carried by persons other than counsel of record must be checked with the marshals, and may be retrieved upon exiting the courthouse.

7. Any cell phones or laptops in the courthouse should be on silent mode. Calls on cell phones should be conducted discreetly so as not to interfere with proceedings or offices in the courthouse.

8. No equipment of any type may be used for streaming or recording.

9. Lead counsel will be responsible for adherence to these requirements by all persons on the list of attendees submitted on behalf of that counsel's party.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 11, 2016

/s/ Ralph I. Lancaster

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Special Master

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