

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In the Matter of : General Order M-400
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Personal Electronic Devices :
(Members of the Media). :
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WHEREAS, General Order M-396, signed on March 23, 2010, established guidelines pertaining to attorneys’ use of Personal Electronic Devices¹ while in the Courthouse²;

WHEREAS, the established guidelines do not address the use of Personal Electronic Devices by members of the media in the Courthouse;

WHEREAS, the Board of Judges has determined that the use of Personal Electronic Devices by members of the media in the Courthouse should be authorized; it is hereby

ORDERED, that members of the media possessing press credentials³ may bring a Personal Electronic Device into the Courthouse subject to the restrictions and obligations set forth in General Order M-396.

Dated: New York, New York
May 19, 2010

/s/ Arthur J. Gonzalez
ARTHUR J. GONZALEZ
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

¹ “Personal Electronic Device” includes any cellular telephone, smartphone, Palm Pilot, iPhone, BlackBerry, and other comparable personal digital assistant device.

² This order applies only to the Manhattan and Poughkeepsie Courthouses. The White Plains and Middletown Courthouses are governed by the District Court’s Standing Order M10-468, dated February 17, 2010, Southern District of New York.

³ Press credentials are defined herein as any credentials issued by a governmental unit or a recognized general media company establishing that the person identified therein as a member of the media.