

## Social Media and Technology

The use and misuse of technology in courtrooms and courthouses have raised a number of issues that pose difficult challenges for the judges, lawyers, and litigants. Across the country, trials have been affected by jurors who, intentionally or unintentionally, have used technology to conduct unauthorized research or to communicate about court proceedings.

Jurors are not permitted to use electronic devices unless specifically authorized by the Court, including:

- Sending or receiving phone calls or text message, voice mails, tweets, Facebook, or accessing the Internet while court is in session.
- No electronic device may be used by a juror to record, photograph or film any court proceedings.