

**IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY
Administrative Order No. 2023-04**

WHEREAS, Maryland Rule 16-208(b)(2)(B) prohibits a person from taking or recording a photograph, video, or other visual image in a court facility except when permitted by the Local Administrative Judge, and

WHEREAS, Md. Rule 16-208(b)(2)(E) prohibits the use of electronic devices to receive, transmit, or record sounds, visual images, data, or other information, and

WHEREAS, MD Code, Public Safety, § 3-511 provides that the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission shall develop a policy for the use of a body-worn camera by a law enforcement officer that addresses when recording is prohibited, and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC) has established a body-worn camera policy that prohibits a law enforcement officer from activating a camera to record in court facilities and courtrooms, except with the express permission of the Local Administrative Judge, and

WHEREAS, the same policy requires activation of body-worn cameras by law enforcement officers in service that is investigative or enforcement in nature, or during any confrontational encounter between a law enforcement officer and a member of the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is this 9th day of June 2023, by the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, hereby

ORDERED, that law enforcement officers may only activate body-worn cameras in Baltimore City Circuit Court facilities and courtrooms when in service that is investigative or enforcement in nature, or during any confrontational encounter between a law enforcement officer and a member of the public.

/s/

Audrey J.S. Carrión
Administrative Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City