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STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Possible Solution for Cell Phones in Court

Yondr, a vendor at the 2017 National Court Technology Conference, has a possible solution for managing cell phone use in courtrooms, especially during sensitive or high profile hearings.

If a court patron comes into a courtroom with a cell phone and the judge wants to limit the use of the device, the phone's owner can be required to place the phone in a pouch that locks. The owner keeps the locked pouch until security unlocks it. The locking mechanism works with a special frequency magnet that doesn't harm the phone. It's similar to the magnetic locks on high-priced clothing to prevent theft; it locks and unlocks with a magnetic base.

Following is a news story regarding the devices:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/startup-yondr-pouches-tackles-phone-addiction-helps-disconnect/>

At this time, it's our understanding that Yondr is the sole source provider of this product. SCAO cannot recommend or guarantee the product and, of course, all warranties are the responsibility of the vendor.

We welcome your suggestions for future Quick Tips. Please send them to us so that we can share with your colleagues.

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