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To: Administrative Judges
NYC Chief Clerks and District Executives

From: Justin A. Barry JB

Re: AMENDED - Prohibition Against Smart Glasses in Court Facilities

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Effective July 20, 2026, "smart glasses" – i.e., eyewear or headwear containing a camera, microphone, computer or other technology that permit the user to record video or audio – either prescription or non-prescription, are prohibited inside any Unified Court System ("UCS") facility. The reason for this prohibition is to ensure that individuals cannot surreptitiously record court proceedings in violation of the New York State Civil Rights Law and applicable court rules.

No individual possessing smart glasses will be permitted to enter a UCS facility unless they voucher the smart glasses for safekeeping by uniformed personnel while the individual remains in the facility.

This prohibition applies to all individuals entering court facilities, including litigants, attorneys, witnesses, family members, UCS employees, and all other individuals who seek to enter a UCS facility for any reason.

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