

STATE OF VERMONT
OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Administrative Directive No. PG-10



State Court Administrator

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY
FOR VISITORS TO VERMONT COURTS**

The provision of security for Vermont courts in State-owned or State-leased buildings is entrusted to the Supreme Court and tasked to the Court Administrator. See 29 V.S.A. § 171(b), 4 V.S.A. § 30(c). Pursuant to that authority, the following policy shall apply to all visitors to Vermont courts:

All visitors entering a Vermont courthouse are prohibited from using, possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances as defined in 21 U.S.C. § 812, including marijuana, unless the drug has been prescribed by a licensed health care professional, is being used as evidence in a judicial proceeding or is otherwise authorized by the Presiding Judge. Marijuana obtained under the Therapeutic Use of Cannabis law is not medically prescribed, and therefor does not constitute an exception to this rule. See 18 V.S.A. § 4473(b)(2)(A)(iii) (providing that medical verification form completed by health care professional shall expressly state "that the medical verification form is not considered a prescription").

This directive is effective immediately.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Gabel", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Patricia Gabel, Esq.
State Court Administrator