

## FAQ

Q: Where will Internet access be available?

Internet access is available in all Attorney Conference/Witness rooms. Internet access is being made available in a wireless medium that is functional with the following standards of 802.11b and 802.11g. Access is provided on an "as is" basis.

Q: When will Internet access be available?

Internet access is provided on an "as available" basis. The United States District Court does not warrant that this service will be uninterrupted.

Q: What if I have problems connecting to this service?

Report the problem to the courtroom deputy clerk. If the courtroom deputy clerk is unable to resolve the problem, they will contact the Court's IT staff. The Court's IT staff can only assist in resolving problems with the service being provided. They cannot provide assistance specific to the user's notebook computer or PDA.

Q: Why is Internet access being made available?

Internet access is being provided as a tool to members of the bar, for the limited purpose of facilitating their legal representation. Its use is at your own risk. In an effort to stay abreast with current technologies, we have provided this service as an additional benefit to our courtroom technology.

Q: What can I do with Internet access?

Feel free to browse the Web and communicate with your colleagues. However, Internet activity such as downloading music, watching TV or any other activity that consumes a large amount of bandwidth is prohibited. Please remember to consider the security implications of using the wireless network and protect your computer appropriately. The US District Court provides NO security protection while using the Internet at our location.

Q: Who runs the network that provides the Internet Access?

The network is owned and operated by the United States District Court's Library Fund, which receives its funding from a portion of the attorney admission fee.

Q: What computer hardware is required?

You will need a computer or PDA with either a wireless network card that supports the 802.11b standard or 802.11g compatible or a wired ethernet network card.

Q: What settings are needed to use this system?

You may need to set your network card to use a dynamic IP Address (DHCP).

Q: What operating systems can use it?

Any computer with a wireless (802.11b or 802.11g) or wired ethernet network card can utilize the Internet access. This includes all versions of Microsoft Windows and Macintosh. However, it is up to the user to make any necessary configuration changes to their personal computer. No technical support will be provided.

Q: Is the network secure?

No. Due to the nature of this service, the network should not be considered secure. Anyone using the network should take the necessary precautions to ensure that their computers are protected.

## Internet Access in the Courthouse

Internet access via wireless fidelity (WiFi) and wired connections is now available to attorneys and legal staff in designated areas within the United States Courthouses in the Northern District of Mississippi. This Internet access is to be used for court-related business reasons only. This includes e-mail, electronic case filing (CM/ECF), PACER access and legal research. Users are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner and refrain from accessing and/or transmitting documents or e-mail which contain indecent or obscene materials, profanity, or any form of discrimination or sexism. Violating this policy may result in sanctions.

A laptop computer or PDA with a built-in wireless network card or with an external wireless adapter that is 802.11b or 802.11g compatible is required to utilize this service. While the Court's IT staff can assist in accessing the Internet, they will not be able to assist in problems with the user's equipment.

Both wired and wireless connections will require the acceptance of the terms of access before access to Internet is allowed.

Requirements for **wireless** connections:

- Notebook computer or PDA capable of 802.11b or 802.11g wireless ethernet.
- Wireless network port set to DHCP.
- Access code available from the courtroom deputy clerk.

Requirements for **wired** connections:

- Notebook computer with an ethernet/LAN port
- Ethernet/LAN port set to DHCP

To access the Internet:

1. **Wireless** connections only
  - a. When in range of the wireless signal, a "wireless network detected" notice will appear on the menu bar at the bottom of your computer screen.
  - b. Click on the message to view the available networks. The Court's wireless network is identified by the name "Aaccess".
  - c. Click "Connect" at the bottom of the window.
  - d. Enter the access key provided by the courtroom deputy clerk.
2. **Wired** connections only
  - a. Connect the Network Patch Cord on the table in the Attorney Conference/Witness room to the ethernet/LAN port of the notebook computer

Be aware that there are security, privacy and confidentiality risks inherent in Internet communications. The United States District Court does not make any assurances or warranties relating to such risks. By using this service, you acknowledge and knowingly accept the potentially serious risks of accessing the Internet over an unsecured network. Some precautionary measures that you should consider include:

- Using the latest software patches and anti-virus software.
- Using a personal firewall.

- Using VPN software to securely communicate with office intranets.

For further information on how to protect yourself on this open network, consult a security professional.

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For Internet access provided at the  
United States District Court  
Northern District of Mississippi

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No technical support of any kind under any circumstances will be provided to any user trying to access the network. Internet access at designated areas is provided only as a courtesy and may not be available at any requested time. We reserve the right to deny or restrict access to any user who abuses the network, such as excessive bandwidth consumption or using the network for any type of activity or purpose deemed by the Court to be unlawful, harassing, abusive, criminal or fraudulent.

We also reserve the right to monitor, intercept and disclose any transmissions over or using our facilities, and to provide user information, or use records, and other related information under certain circumstances (for example, in response to lawful process, orders, subpoenas, or warrants, or to protect our rights, users or property) to appropriate authorities.

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