

United States District Court

District of Maine



**Plan for Wireless Internet Access**

**I. Wireless Internet Access**

The United States District Court for the District of Maine will provide wireless Internet access in the Edward T. Gignoux U.S. Courthouse in Portland, and in those parts of the Margaret Chase Smith Federal Building in Bangor occupied by the District Court. Access will be provided only to members of the bar of this Court and to attorneys appearing *pro hac vice*, and their legal staffs subject to the terms of this plan. Parties appearing *pro se* or members of the public may be given access if approved by the Court upon the filing of a motion showing good cause. Internet access is available to counsel for the limited purpose of conducting legal business necessary to the representation of their clients.

As this service is funded by the Court's Bench – Bar Fund, which is derived from *pro hac vice* fees from visiting attorneys in this Court, the Court will not impose a charge for this service. Counsel shall abide by District Court Local Rule 83.8(a)(4) concerning wireless communication and recording security.

**II. Registration**

Counsel must register with the Clerk's Office to obtain the password. Counsel may not share this password with anyone other than their direct staff. This password will be changed periodically to prevent unauthorized access.

### **III. Photographs, Recording and Transmission Prohibited**

The possession and use of cellular telephones or other wireless communication devices, computers and recording devices, the creation of photographs, including digital or video images, the recording or transmission of information, sound or images by any means, or the possession and use of radio, television or broadcasting equipment is prohibited without prior approval of the court.

### **IV. Security**

Users should be aware that there are security, privacy and confidentiality risks inherent in wireless communications and associated technology. The United States District Court does not make any assurances or warranties related to such risks. The Court does not warrant that this service will be uninterrupted, error-free, or free of viruses or other harmful components. Information you consider confidential should not be transmitted via this network. The Court does not control any materials, information, products or services on the Internet.

### **V. Proper Use and Legal Compliance**

The Court is committed to maintaining the integrity and availability of its wireless network and prohibits the use of its network to violate any law, including the U.S. Copyright Act. Illegal activities include but are not limited to harassment, libel or slander; destruction, modification, or damage to equipment, software, or data; accessing web sites that contain pornography or inappropriate material; unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material; unauthorized access to any computers or systems, including hacking; other unlawful online activities. Users of the wireless network found to have engaged in illegal activity or infringement of copyright laws are subject to termination of their network access.

The Court reserves 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.

#### **VI. Risks Inherent in Wireless Communications**

By using this service, users acknowledge and knowingly accept the risk 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.

#### **VII. Technical Support**

The Court will not provide technical support except to verify the current operational state of the wireless Internet connection. Internet access is provided only as a courtesy and there may be interruptions in service beyond the control of the Court.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

  
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John A. Woodcock, Jr.  
Chief U.S. District Judge