Free WiFi for Litigants

The District of Idaho has installed Wi-Fi networks in the Boise, Coeur d'Alene and Pocatello courthouses. This will allow the media, members of the public, litigants and those who work with litigants, access to the Internet for business purposes. The Wi-Fi is accessible in all courtrooms and witness rooms.

This service is operated as an open WiFi HotSpot, just like many coffee shops and bookstores offer, so no special code or password is required for use.

Counsel may use this for access to ECF during court proceedings or to check their e-mail from their private service providers.

The Federal Court is not providing secured access. Everyone who uses the Wi-Fi network is strongly encouraged to use security software that provides a good firewall and virus protection.

There are several items which are prohibited while using this court network as follows:

- Recording of any proceedings or use of streaming technologies to record proceedings
- Using equipment for activities that are illegal, inappropriate or offensive to the court or the public, such as hate speech, or materials that ridicule others on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, gender, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation.
- Creating, downloading, viewing, storing, copying, transmitting, or re-transmitting sexually explicit or sexually oriented material or material related to illegal gambling, illegal weapons, terrorist activities, any other illegal or prohibited activities.

Any violations of the above will result in immediate suspension of Wi-Fi access.

In addition, if the noise level of notebook computers or access to this Wi-Fi network causes a disruption to court proceedings, the presiding judge or the Court Security Officer, may limit access at any time.

We are hopeful that access in the courtroom to the ECF system and your private e-mail accounts will improve the administration of justice in the District of Idaho.

The following document has instructions for connecting to the system using the standard Windows client. For specific instructions using your computer you may need to consult your IT staff or your system documentation.