

# **United States Bankruptcy Court Central District of Illinois**

## **Wireless Internet Policy**

### ***OVERVIEW***

This document provides rules for using the U.S. Bankruptcy Court Wireless Internet Service, also known as “the Service”. All relevant Federal rules, local court rules, regulations and policies apply.

### ***APPROPRIATE USE***

Individuals are permitted to use the Service during proceedings that take place in the courthouse. The types of activities that are permitted include:

1. Communicating with fellow employees, business partners, and clients.
2. Acquiring or sharing information about or related to your proceeding.
3. Electronic filing into the Court’s CM/ECF system while inside the courthouse.

### ***INAPPROPRIATE USE***

Actions that are detrimental or inappropriate when accessing the Service include, but are not limited to, those listed in the section below.

1. The Internet may not be used for illegal activities. This includes, but is 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.
2. Users may not extend or modify the network in any way. This includes adding access points and installing bridges, switches, hubs, or repeaters. The Court reserves the right to remove or disable any unauthorized access points.
3. Users must respect the privacy of others. Users shall not intentionally seek information on, or represent themselves as, another user unless explicitly

authorized to do so by that user. Nor shall users obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to others.

4. Any effort to circumvent the security systems designed to prevent unauthorized access to the Service may result in the suspension of access.
5. Recording or streaming audio and/or video from the courthouse is strictly prohibited.

### ***DISCLAIMER***

The internet contains materials that you may find objectionable or offensive. We don't publish or control, and are not responsible or liable for, any third-party information, content, services, products, software or other material that can be accessed through the Service. You are solely responsible for evaluating the accuracy, completeness, and usefulness of all services, products and other information, and the quality and merchantability, accuracy, timeliness or delivery of such services, products and other information. You're responsible for paying any charges that you incur from third parties through your use of the Service, and your personal information may be available to third parties that you access through the Service.

Wireless connections are not encrypted. Other wireless users may intercept any information you send or receive using the wireless network, and web-based security controls may not be sufficient protection. Therefore, the Court recommends that you do not enter credit card numbers, banking transactions, or other personally identifiable information. It is highly recommended that you install and use anti-virus software, firewall software, and current security patches or upgrades on your computer. We are not liable to you or any other party for any lack of privacy you experience while using the Service.

The Court will not assume responsibility for the safety of equipment or for laptop configurations, security, or data files resulting from connection to the Service. Users will be responsible for proper configuration and connection to the Court's wireless network.

The U.S. Bankruptcy is providing the Service on an "as is" and "as available" basis, with no warranties whatsoever. In no event will we be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages associated with your use of the Service. No advice given by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court or our representatives shall create a warranty. You assume all responsibility and risk associated with your use of the Service.

Printing is not available via the wireless network.

The Court reserves the right to terminate a session or an account at any time.