

**Unified Court System  
Sixth Judicial District  
Public Access Internet & Computer Use Policy**

**Access and Use Policy:**

Use of the Public Access Computers within the Sixth Judicial District Law Libraries is a privilege intended for library patrons engaged in library-related legal research and reference only. All computer users must comply with the Sixth District's **Public Access Internet & Computer Use Policy**. This policy may also be viewed on the Internet by visiting the library's web page.

Users of the Public Access Computers are responsible for reading and understanding this policy. Any patron who violates this policy may be asked to leave the Library and may have future electronic research privileges revoked in all Sixth District Libraries.

Usage will be monitored. Any use other than that allowed under these guidelines may result in the patron's suspension of access to the library and/or the patron's computer equipment use privileges being revoked (see **Unacceptable Use** below).

Food and beverages are not allowed near the Public Access Computers.

Access to the Public Access Computers is on a first come, first serve basis. However, the library reserves the right to impose a time limit of 60 minutes for research sessions. Additional time may be allowed if there is no one waiting to use the terminal. An individual patron's daily access may also be limited.

Although the Law Library's web page offers suggested starting points for searching the Internet as a convenience to patrons, this does not imply endorsement or constitute legal advice by the Law Library. Not all information available via the Internet is accurate, current, or complete. Patrons are encouraged to evaluate the content of electronic materials just as they do print materials.

Use of the Public Access computers constitutes an agreement to obey all applicable federal, state, and local laws governing copyright, licensing, and content restrictions. Users are responsible for any infringement of copyright or software licenses that could result from the copying or distribution of materials found on the Internet.

Use of the Public Access Computers for word processing is not permitted.

If a problem arises with any of the computer equipment while it is being used, users should report the problem to a library staff person; users should not attempt to fix it themselves.

Workstations will be shut down 15 minutes before library closing time. Internet access will terminate 20 minutes before library closing time. Please be sure that all research and printing is concluded prior to those times. Library staff is not responsible for lost information or print requests as a result of these time limits.

### **Printing from Public Access Computers:**

A printer is available for limited printing only. Printing is limited to 25 pages per user per day. Users are urged to consider the needs of others by limiting printing to citation lists or summaries whenever possible. Cases may be e-mailed to the user's home or office account.

### **Unacceptable Use:**

Inappropriate or unacceptable use of the Public Access Computers includes but is not limited to:

- ▶ Use of the Library's computer resources to threaten or harass others or for any other illegal or inappropriate purpose or in violation of any law (State or Federal) or ordinance is strictly prohibited.
- ▶ Accessing any web sites or information other than that required for primary library research. Any other non-library research or computer use such as accessing personal accounts or e-mail (except to send cases to personal e-mail accounts), games, chats, etc. is prohibited.
- ▶ Copying software, files or any other material in violation of the copyright laws (Title 17 U.S.C.).
- ▶ Attempting to bypass any security devices (software or hardware).
- ▶ Attempting to install or transfer any viruses or software with the intent to damage the equipment.
- ▶ Downloading, uploading, or installing any programs or other software to the public access computers.
- ▶ Stealing, damaging or otherwise altering the equipment, any software programs currently installed on the computer or any of its configurations or settings.

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