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## Wireless Internet Use Guidelines

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The United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Middle District of Louisiana have initiated a service which provides wireless Internet access in public areas including courtrooms of the Russell B. Long Federal Building and Courthouse and the Bankruptcy Courthouse. The wireless network will be available during normal business hours. Password protected wireless access will be provided to attorneys practicing in the Louisiana Middle District.

Any use of court-provided wireless Internet access must be in accordance with the Courts' *Wireless Network Service Agreement/Terms of Use*. Patrons are expected to use these services in a legal, responsible, and considerate manner consistent with the informational and research purposes for which it is provided.

In order to connect to the Courts' wireless network, your device must have a WiFi-compatible network card installed (802.11b/g/n 2.4GHz) or (802.11a/n 5.0GHz). Access is provided in a limited number of public locations throughout the Courthouse. Your wireless card should detect the signal immediately (Note: Some wireless card software may require some additional procedures and/or setting changes. Please consult your user's manual, or contact your hardware or software provider for any additional assistance). Once your device picks up the wireless signal, select the District/Bankruptcy Court wireless network:

**SSID/Network Name = mdlabenchbar**

Please note the following information and guidelines:

- Practicing attorneys of Louisiana Middle District may request the wireless network password from the courtroom deputy or the Clerk's Office front desk. Attorneys are solely responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of the wireless network password. The password will be changed periodically and may be obtained from the courtroom deputy or the Clerk's Office front desk.
- The court reserves the right to block streaming services including but not limited to YouTube, Netflix, Hulu, Spotify, Pandora, etc. in order to prevent network degradation.
- As with most wireless Internet access, the Courts' wireless connection is not inherently secure and privacy cannot be protected. Any information being sent or received could potentially be intercepted by another wireless user.
- Use of the Courts' wireless connection is entirely at the users' own risk. The Court is not responsible for any loss, injury, or damages resulting from the use of the wireless connection.

- Patrons should be familiar with their own personal wireless devices and should have basic knowledge of how to connect their own devices to a wireless network. Court staff cannot provide technical assistance with personal devices or configurations and cannot guarantee that the user will be able to make a wireless connection.
- Bring a FULLY CHARGED battery and prepare to be self-powered as electrical outlets are not readily available in the public areas.
- Electrical cords MAY NOT be strung across public traffic areas. Patrons will be asked to terminate their use of electrical power if court personnel determine that such use presents a safety hazard.
- Use of courthouse electrical power is entirely at users' own risk. The Court is not responsible for any loss, injury, or damages resulting from the use of courthouse electrical power. Users may not tamper with courthouse electrical equipment or wiring.
- Personal headphones are required for use with audio files.
- Printing is not available via the wireless network.