

# Superior Court Law Library Network and Internet Use Policy

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## I. Purpose.

The Law Library provides public-access computers, network research databases and the Internet. The Internet, as an information resource, enables the Library to provide access to a vast array of law-related information, ideas, commentary, and research tools beyond the confines of its own collection. The Library believes that the Internet's vast resources should be broadly available. However, all users of the Library's electronic information resources including the Internet are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with the law-related research and information purposes for which the Library provides access and subject to the following guidelines.

## II. Disclaimers.

- A. The Library does not vouch for the accuracy, completeness, or timeliness of information obtained through the Internet. Verifying the accuracy of information is the responsibility of the originator or producer, and assessing accuracy and timeliness of information is the responsibility of the user.
- B. Internet resources may contain material of a controversial nature. Selection policies governing the Library's acquisition of Library materials are not applicable to general Internet access. The Library does not endorse any viewpoint represented on the Internet. The Library does not attempt to control access to or content of materials available on the Internet and can not protect users from offensive information, except as specifically stated in this policy.
- C. The Library currently accesses the Internet through Maricopa County's proxy servers and firewall, which prevent certain network services and access to certain sites. The Library does not necessarily endorse the use of a proxy server, and has not been involved in determining which sites may or may not be accessed. If you have any problems or concerns with the limitations imposed by proxy server access, or if you are denied access to a site you believe is of research value, please contact the Library's reference staff.
- D. The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from use of its computers, network facilities, or Internet access.

## III. Guidelines for Access and Use.

It is unacceptable to use the Library's computers, network, or Internet access in any of the following ways:

- A. For any purpose that violates applicable federal, state, or local laws and regulations.
- B. For downloading or printing files and other resources obtained via the Internet in violation of applicable copyright laws and licensing agreements.

- C. For downloading software, executable files, databases, and similar "live" technology to Library computer or network disk drives.
- D. In a manner that destroys or damages equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library.
- E. In a manner that disrupts or interferes with Maricopa County, Superior Court, or Law Library network services. This includes, but is not limited to: propagation of computer viruses, worms, or similar programs; excessive use of connect time or printing resources (including printing of images); attempts to add, modify, or remove Library system software or other system elements (including wallpaper, screensavers, etc.); attempts to evade system security measures or network access rights; distribution of spam, advertising, or unsolicited e-mail; harassment, libeling, or slandering of others.
- F. In a manner that disrupts or interferes with other Library computer users. This includes, but is not limited to: harassment of others, and displaying or printing text or graphics that may reasonably be construed as offensive to others.
- G. Use of Library system resources to falsely represent yourself or the Library.

#### **IV. Limitations on Use.**

Due to the limited Library resources available for providing public access to the Internet and other network resources, the Library reserves the right to periodically set limits on the use of public-access computers in order to ensure equitable access to electronic resources, including the following limitations: .

- A. The Library reserves the right to regularly delete files from computer and network disk drives.
- B. The Library reserves the right to impose time limitations on the use of Library computers.
- C. The Library does not offer e-mail accounts. Patrons may use the Library's computers to check or send e-mail on an existing remote account incidental to their legal research and court-related activities.
- D. Library computers may not be used to access chat or instant messaging.
- E. Children under the age of 16 may not use the Library's computers unless accompanied by an adult.

#### **V. Superior Court and Maricopa County Policies.**

Certain provisions of Superior Court and Maricopa County Government network and telecommunications policies may apply to Law Library users. Such policies may include Superior Court Policy C-111A, *Policies for Computer Use*; Superior Court Policy C-111B, *Electronic Communications Policy*; Maricopa County Policy A2609, *Acceptable Use of County Technology Resources*.

## **VI. Violation of These Guidelines.**

- A. Users violating these guidelines will be advised of the Library's guidelines for use and will be asked to comply. A failure to comply may be considered as a violation of the Library's [Use Policy](#).
- B. The Library reserves the right to terminate network connections for users who repeat a violation of these guidelines after a previous warning.
- C. The Library reserves the right to prohibit those users who violate these guidelines from future access to or use of the Library's network services.
- D. The Library reserves the right to revoke all Library privileges for those users who violate these guidelines.