

2016 Survey-Remote Access to Court Records

Survey of 15 states' rules relating to Internet access to court information.

	Federal Courts	Florida	Illinois	Iowa	Michigan	Minnesota
1. Do you post records on the Internet?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
A. If so, what information is available on the internet?						
CCS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Records	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
B. Who can access these records?						
Parties to the case	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Attorneys who have entered an appearance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
General Public	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Groups	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
C. Is a registration/subscription required before remote access is granted?	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
D. Is there a fee to access these records?	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
E. Does the fee vary depending on who is accessing records?	No	No	No	No	No	No
2. Do you post court documents on the Internet?	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	No	No
A. What documents are available on the Internet?						
Pleadings	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-
Orders/Judgments	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-	-
Appellate Briefs	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Documents	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-	-
B. Who can view these documents on the Internet?						
Parties to the case	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-	-
Attorneys who have entered an appearance	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-	-
General Public	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-	-
Other Groups	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-	-
C. Is a registration/subscription required before remote access to documents is granted?	-	For Enhanced Access	-	Yes	-	-
D. Is there a fee to view court documents on the Internet?	Yes	For Enhanced Access	-	Yes	-	-
E. If court documents are available on the Internet, can the documents be printed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes

		Rhode Island	South Dakota	Washington	Wisconsin
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	C. Is a registration/subscription required before remote access is granted?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	D. Is there a fee to access these records?	No	Yes	Yes	No
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	C. Is a registration/subscription required before remote access to documents is granted?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	D. Is there a fee to view court documents on the Internet?	No	No	Yes	No
	E. If court documents are available on the Internet, can the documents be printed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Other Interesting Information

Florida

All documents are scanned with redaction software to remove social security numbers and bank account numbers. Before allowing a user to view a document on the internet, the Clerk reviews the document manually to ensure it contains no confidential information. The user enters his/her email address and is sent an email when the document is available for viewing.

Florida statutes prohibit displaying court documents relating to cases/matters governed by Florida Family Law Rules, Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure, and Florida Probate Rules on publicly available internet websites.

Enhanced access to confidential court information is available to subscribers. An enhanced access fee is charged for this service in some but not all counties.

Iowa

The general public can only access court records via a kiosk at the courthouse.

A subscription service is available for parties, attorneys and title searchers. Access to court records varies depending on the user type.

A monthly fee of \$25 is assessed if a user wants access to the judgment index, case schedules, lien index, exhibit list, service returns.

New Mexico

Only attorneys can view documents filed in their own cases electronically.

North Dakota

Attorneys can access documents filed in their own cases electronically. A subscription fee is required for this. The general public can only view court documents using a kiosk at the courthouse

Pennsylvania

Subscription required for attorneys to access confidential information.

South Dakota

Electronic access is free for attorneys for cases they have entered an appearance on and parties for their own case. A subscription based service is available to the general public for a fee.

Washington

Internet access is given only to subscribers. A subscriber is charged a one-time set up fee and then 6 ½ cents per transaction (a transaction is executed each time the user tells the system to respond) with a minimum monthly fee of \$6.00 unless the system has not been used that month when there would be no monthly fee.