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News Release

Free Wi-Fi helps lawyers get connected at the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom is today launching free Wi-Fi internet access to court users as part of its wider IT enhancement programme.

Legal teams including counsel, solicitors, clerks and other official court users (including journalists) at the Supreme Court and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council will now have access to high speed fibre optic broadband.

Lawyers will be able to benefit from accessing the internet much more quickly - and for free - using laptops, tablets and other Wi-Fi enabled devices in the court rooms and other areas around the grade II listed building. Other visitors to the court will continue to be able to access the external BT Openzone Wi-Fi service, which offers good coverage in the building.

The move is part of an on-going programme of technology enhancements to ensure that court users, judiciary and staff at the Supreme Court can make the most efficient use of IT, while reducing the overall annual spend on IT services. The latest development has no additional cost to the Court, as the bandwidth has been released from its current allocation.

Jenny Rowe, Chief Executive of the Supreme Court, said:

“We recognise that the justice system is entering the digital era and we are keen that the Supreme Court remains at the forefront of this move. By embracing modern technologies and IT developments we can ensure that we are providing a quality service and improving the standard of resources available to legal professionals using the court. Giving free access to information in the court room at the click of a button means that we are delivering better access to justice.”

Free Wi-Fi internet will be available from today (4 June). The login and password will be available from the Reception desk or the Registry, and will be updated on a weekly basis.

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