



Court Reporters – Accessing The Internet (And Sharing) Makes Life Better

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As a court reporter, I love my Verizon 4G Hotspot because it allows me to send out depositions, arbitrations, and rough drafts no matter where I am. As an added benefit, the device gives me the opportunity to share internet connectivity with attorneys at depositions.

This is the decade of efficiency. There are tools on the market that will make your life as a court reporter better if you decide you want to participate and use them. I believe most wifi companies have a gadget that allows a person to share internet activity with one to five people at a time.

Many depositions and arbitrations (meetings) are held in public rooms or hotels that do not provide internet connectivity or charge outrageous rates to be online. I was court reporting a deposition in Laguna Beach last month, and the hotel wanted to charge \$800 per day to allow up to ten people wireless access to the internet. After I almost fell over when I heard the charge, the gentleman quickly offered the wireless deal for \$400 per day. It was CRAZY.

Offering my Hotspot to the attorneys made me very popular for the day. As an added piece of advice (a DepoMan tip), have your password for the attorneys to log on be something like, "Kramm Court Reporting is Great" or "I love my court reporter – Linda." Having a number as a password is kind of boring, in my opinion, but for a serious crowd of lawyers might be appropriate.

Having my Hotspot I can send a rough draft out no matter where I am. I can access exhibits on my repository when proofing a transcript or indexing exhibits.

I believe a Hotspot is a great investment for a working court reporter out in the field.



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