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The following message was sent today to all active registered attorneys:

As you know, the Kansas judicial branch experienced a security incident that disrupted access to some court electronic information systems. While courts remain open using paper processes, we're aware that the unavailability of electronic case records has created unique hurdles for attorneys and court users.

Bottom line up front

We are working to establish access to court case information for attorneys and court users who visit the Kansas Judicial Center in Topeka in person. We will provide more details about this service in the coming days. This will provide a general overview of our plan.

Background

Response to the security incident includes an investigation into what happened, how it happened, and what is affected. We called in outside experts to help us with that investigation, and that investigation is ongoing.

Law enforcement is also aware of the security incident, and the Office of Judicial Administration is cooperating with their inquiry into the matter. Responding to this security incident is our highest priority. Meanwhile, we are making every effort to restore our systems and take interim steps to provide appropriate access when possible. We are moving as quickly as we can to bring our systems safely online.

In-person public access

The Kansas Office of Judicial Administration is establishing an avenue for attorneys and court users to access electronic case records at the Kansas Judicial Center in Topeka.

Once the public access center is open, it will be available to you from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. There may also be evening hours available, depending on the need.

We are establishing a system so you can make appointments, ensuring a public access terminal is available at the selected time.

We recognize this temporary approach is not ideal, but it is the most expedient, secure way we can provide immediate access to electronic case records in our centralized case management system.

We anticipate this public access center will open the week of November 6, but we are still working to finalize details.

Please note that this service center will only provide access to electronic documents from the centralized case management system that were processed prior to the security incident on October 12. Anything processed October 12 and after is available in paper format from the district court clerk's office.

More information will follow as it is available. We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we take the necessary steps to safely restore our electronic systems.

Updates

Updates regarding the [court systems security incident](#) are posted on the website.