

Telephones / Cell Phones: At the Court in Sioux Falls, public courtesy phones are available in the Jury Assembly Room, the Clerk's office on 2nd Floor, and Court Administration on the 3rd Floor. Cell phones are allowed in court buildings in both counties as long as they are turned off or silent, although recording and camera functions may not be used in either courthouse.

Videoconferencing (ITV): The Second Judicial Circuit now has nine videoconferencing units available to courtrooms, attorneys, and the public. ITV is frequently used for court hearings, meetings, depositions, court interpreter appearances at rural courts from Sioux Falls, court hearings from Sioux Falls to other states, and other events. Videoconferencing units are available in at the courthouses in Sioux Falls (5), Canton (2), the Minnehaha County Jail (1), the Juvenile Detention Facility (1) and the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls (2), and over 60 other courthouses, jails, and Correctional facilities around the state. The 2nd Circuit also has established access to a number of other videoconferencing facilities around the United States, and currently maintains a national directory of cooperative, court-related ITV sites. If you are interested in a court-related video conference to anywhere in the United States or even overseas, please call Court Administration.

Videoconferencing/Webcam: The 2nd Circuit has the capability to handle webcam/laptop videoconferencing with a large display screen, however, we discourage Skype and other webcam connections because of poor connection quality. If a remote location has no other choice, we recommend Windows Live Messenger instead of Skype or some others.

Wifi Signal: Open-access wireless internet signals are available in both the Lincoln and Minnehaha County courthouses, provided as a public service by each county.



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South Dakota's 2nd Judicial Circuit is one of the most well-equipped judicial districts in the United States, with some of the most advanced courtroom electronics and capabilities available anywhere. The Circuit now has a total of 20 courtrooms available in Sioux Falls, Canton, and the Minnehaha Juvenile Detention Center.

ADA Equipment: Two deaf video relay units are available in the Clerk's office on 1st Floor, and the Law Library on 4th Floor in Sioux Falls. Three courtrooms in Sioux Falls are equipped with infrared assisted listening systems, and six others are equipped for wired headset amplification. Courtroom 3A in Lincoln County is equipped with for wired assisted listening headphones.

Computers: In addition to laptops for courtroom use mentioned below, three public computers are available in the Law Library in Sioux Falls, all of which have full, public Westlaw access. A public Law Library terminal with Westlaw access is also available in Lincoln County on the 1st Floor across from the Clerk's Office.

Copiers: There are free, public access copy machines in the law libraries on 4th floor in Sioux Falls, and the Law Library on 1st Floor in Lincoln County. Copy machines are also available in staff areas throughout the courthouse, although if court staff makes copies for you, the charge is 20 cents per page.

Courtroom 5B: Courtrooms 5B and 6B in Sioux Falls and 3A in Lincoln County are "high-tech, high-capacity" courtrooms. The courtrooms include integrated presentation systems, wall-mounted plasma displays, videoconferencing, amplified audio headset jacks throughout the courtroom, integrated teleconference capability, and more. Please contact Court Administration for questions on specific capabilities for all courtrooms.

Credit Card Payments: The Court accepts credit card payments, Visa or Mastercard, by phone or in person in both Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties.

Faxing/Scanning: The Court in Sioux Falls has five fax machines and five high volume copy machines equipped for scanning-to-email. The Court in Canton has two fax machines, and two copy machines with scan-to-email capability. A public-use flatbed scanner is also available in the law library in Sioux Falls.

Internet Access to Case Records: Civil money judgments are now available online statewide. Click the "Public Information" link at the State Court Administration website, for more information.

Presentation equipment/electronics: The court in Sioux Falls has the following presentation equipment available for attorney and public use:

- four portable LCD/multimedia projectors, two equipped with document cameras
- two laptop computers
- one overhead (transparency) projector
- one opaque projector
- six mobile TV/VCR/DVD units
- three portable projection screens
- wireless lapel microphones in five courtrooms;
- two *wired* lapel microphones.
- podiums and audio jacks for microphones are available in every courtroom.
- The court in Lincoln County has an LCD/computer projector, two mobile TV/DVD/VCR units, two projection screens, two DVD players, and two video-conference (ITV) systems. Almost all portable Sioux Falls equipment can also be delivered to Lincoln County on one or two day's notice.

Realtime Transcription: At least two court reporters in the 2nd Circuit are "real time" certified. Whether for ADA or other purposes, we have the capability to project a live, simultaneous written transcription of court proceedings on a large screen or computer monitor for public display in any courtroom with prior notice.

Recording systems: The Second Circuit maintains the courtroom record in three different ways. The circuit has eight court reporters on staff for regular transcription. We have ten "CourtSmart" courtrooms, eight in Sioux Falls and two in Canton, where digital audio recordings are made through a video feed to a control room in Sioux Falls. CourtSmart audio recordings are saved to a computer storage system and can be downloaded to a CD or DVD. We also have two "FTR Gold" systems, a stand-alone, computer (PC) based digital recording at the Juvenile Detention Facility in Sioux Falls and one courtroom in Canton.

Rooms Available: In addition to the 20 regular courtrooms, the 2nd Judicial Circuit also has:

- a computer training room equipped for 18 users, ceiling mounted LCD projector, white board, and projection screen;
- a large meeting room/multipurpose room that seats 45 classroom style, includes multiple projection screens, white boards, network jacks in multiple locations, and flexible furniture arrangements.
- a jury assembly room that includes a large-screen projection system, cable television, audio system, TV/VCR/DVD player, vending machines, kitchenette, courtesy telephones, seats up to 120.
- multiple attorney/client conference rooms in both Canton and Sioux Falls
- fifteen jury deliberation and conference rooms in Canton and Sioux Falls, each seating not less than 14 people, most of which include kitchenettes and private bathrooms.

Teleconferences: Polycom conference phones are installed or available in every courtroom. Five of the new courtrooms in Sioux Falls and Courtroom 3A in Lincoln also include integrated conference phones, where conference calls are connected through the courtroom's audio system and microphones – no more shouting at a speaker phone across the courtroom.