

Holiday Gifts for Attorneys

Thanks to the [ABA Journal](#), online shopping for colleagues (or yourself) is easy. If you like the “I Own Blackacre” meme, t-shirts are available at <http://www.cafepress.com/dd/12702275> and there’s always the National Archives gift store that sells jewelry and paperweights made out of genuine government red tape (<http://bit.ly/sEY7YF>).

Gadgets for the technologically minded include:

- LG LSM-100 SmartScan Mouse (a mouse that scans documents up to size A3): www.techradar.com/news/computing-components/peripherals/hands-on-lg-lsm-100-smartscan-mouse-review-1016097 \$138.35
- Powerline Nine foot long charging cable for iPad & iPhone <http://www.thinkgeek.com/gadgets/cellphone/e954/> \$15.99
- USB Reserve Power—charge it up & you have a portable power supply for your iPad or smartphone, even if there’s no outlet available -<http://www.geekiegadgets.com/2011/usb-reserve-power-charges-your-devices-without-the-need-for-power-outlet/> \$12.95 from Amazon
- 24 Port USB Monster Hub: <http://www.thinkgeek.com/gadgets/electronic/e5be/> \$49.99 (currently out of stock, leave email for restock notification)

Happy Shopping!

Tips for Using Wi-Fi Securely

When you use a Wi-Fi connection to access the Internet, the data you transmit can be susceptible to privacy and security risks. Someone with the right software and equipment could snatch your private information from the airwaves, potentially reading e-mails to your boss or collecting the pictures you post to Facebook.

A few tips from the industry group Wi-Fi Alliance on how to keep your data private and your home network safe:

1. Turn on the security that comes with your



home router. Turn on and use WPA2, which keeps information private and secure by strongly encrypting it while it travels.

2. Set up a strong network password. WPA2 also allows you to control who connects to your home network by setting up a password.
3. Use Web sites that encrypt your traffic. When using a Wi-Fi network, look for HTTPS in the address bar, which means encryption is active.
4. Don’t connect automatically to random Wi-Fi hotspots. While you’re looking at the list of available networks, try to stick to ones that use WPA2.
5. Use VPN technology to encrypt your activity. If you travel a lot and must transmit sensitive data over public Wi-Fi networks, it’s wise to use virtual private network software, which creates an encrypted tunnel for your data to flow through the Internet.

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Note: the law library wireless system uses WPA2 encryption. The system only recognizes devices registered in the WiFi database. See the librarian to have your device registered.

Librarian Selected to Serve on Regional Committee

Discussion at the MAALL/SWALL joint conference in November included addressing the challenge of increasing participation of non-academic law librarians at regional and national conferences. The Lyon County law librarian has been appointed to serve on the MidAmerica Law Libraries (MAALL) newly formed committee to study Firm and State, Court, and County Librarian Professional Development.