

## Get More Out of Your iPad —or any tablet computer

Based on a *Tech Republic* article by Jack Wallen

Last month we determined that an iPad could pass the IRS sniff test as a courtroom tool and therefore may be a legitimate business deduction. This month we'll discuss what you'll need to make the most of your tablet experience.

### Sync Service

Dropbox is a cloud-based storage system, free to users who only need 2GB of storage. As long as you have Internet access, you can access your files and folders. The law librarian has been using Dropbox for a few months and finds it works very well for current projects as well as for file storage.

### Use a Bookmark Syncing Tool

Firefox mobile has a respectable bookmark manager, but the law librarian likes Xmarks, another free program. Install it on each computer you'll use and you'll have access to all your bookmarks, no matter where you are. Upgrade to the premium version (\$12/year) to sync with your smartphone and have extended cloud-based backup.

### Purchase a USB Keyboard

This is only necessary if you won't be typing more than a few short lines. If you anticipate using your tablet to make notes or draft letters, the convenience and comfort of a larger keyboard is a relatively inexpensive investment. Prices run from \$35 (USB) to \$69 for a wireless keyboard for the iPad.

### Keep it Smudge Free

The most appealing attribute of tablets is the touch screen, but for those whose Monkish tendencies find smudges unbearable, a lint-free microcloth or a cleaner such as Monster Screen Clean are handy items to tuck in your briefcase.

### Get a Case

While you're at it, get a case that works as a stand so you can work comfortably with your tablet on your lap. Tablets are sleek and often slippery devices that have been known to slip and crash to the floor without notice. The iPad's SmartCover starts at \$39; other tablets' covers start at \$25.

Next month we'll cover how to transfer files to an iPad/tablet. If you have other technological issues you'd like to see covered, please contact the law librarian.



## Representing Citizen Soldiers CLE

**It's not too late to register for this CLE scheduled for Wed, Sept 14 from 11 am to 1 pm.** Alma Whitelaw of the Kansas Army National Guard will present "Representing Citizen Soldiers" at the Lyon County Courthouse jury assembly room. **This approved 2-hour CLE is free and lunch is included.** A [registration form](#) is on the law library website. The CLE credits include 1 hour of Ethics & Professionalism. **Please let us know if you plan to attend by Monday, Sept 12.** Only those who have pre-registered will be eligible for door prizes. (And we have some good ones!)

## Public Legal Education (PLE)— September 16

The law library has partnered with the Emporia Public Library for a series of PLEs in 2011-2012.

The **first event is scheduled for Friday, Sept 16—or Constitution Day**—at the Emporia Public Library large meeting room from 12 to 1 pm. Chase County Attorney Charles Rayl will be the speaker. His presentation will cover the role of government as presented in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution. The event is free and open to the public.

If you would like to participate in future PLE events as a panelist or presenter, please contact the law librarian.

## New Statute Numbers

While the new KSAs reflecting the change in criminal statute numbers have not yet been published, the charts of the new statute numbers are available in PDF files on the law library website. Please feel free to download these for easier cross reference searching.