

VISITORS GUIDE
to
**THE JOHN MINOR WISDOM
COURT OF APPEALS BUILDING**

A Service of the Fifth Circuit Library System

Public Entrance: 600 Camp Street Front Door Security: 310-7791
Court Web Site: www.ca5.uscourts.gov

Security Guidelines

- ***A valid, official photo I.D. is required*** - "Valid and Official" means federal, state, or municipal I.D. cards or licenses that contain a picture. Photo I.D.'s such as 'Sam's Club' cards are not acceptable.
- ***No tape recording or video recording devices are permitted***
- ***Guards do not have storage facilities*** to hold any items
- ***No cameras***
- ***CELL PHONES*** are permitted, but must be ***OFF*** inside the courtrooms
- ***No weapons*** of any kind, including pocket knives and mace
- ***Laptop Computers*** are acceptable
- ***Handicapped Access*** available on Capdeville St., push buzzer, or call ahead: (504) 310-7791

Transportation

United Cab: 522-9771 - One way from CBD to airport = +/- \$29.00
Airport Shuttle: 522-3500 - One way from CBD to airport = +/- \$13.00
Advance reservations available online: www.neworleans

Directions to the John Minor Wisdom Court of Appeals Building

The building at 600 Camp St. can be reached by taking Canal St. or Poydras St. southeast toward the river and turning right onto either St. Charles Ave., or two blocks further right onto Magazine Street.

The building is directly across from Lafayette Square which is bordered by Maestri Place, St. Charles, and Camp St. The building itself is bordered by Camp St., Poydras St., Magazine St., and Capdeville St.

Coming from East New Orleans

- Merge onto I-10 West.
- Take EXIT 235B toward Canal St. / Superdome
- Stay straight to go onto S. Derbingny St.
- Turn Right onto Canal St.
- Turn Right onto St. Charles Ave.
- Turn Left onto S. Maestri Place
- Turn Left onto Camp St.

Coming from West / Metairie area

- Take I-10 East toward New Orleans
- Take Exit 234B on the left toward Poydras St. / Superdome
- Turn slight left onto Poydras St.
- Turn Right onto St. Charles Ave.
- Turn Left onto Maestri Place
- Turn Left onto Camp St.

Parking near the Court of Appeals

There are few parking meters on the four streets bordering the federal buildings: Poydras, Camp, Magazine and Capdeville. There are public meters near the area, but they are hard to find and expensive for long term.

The city quickly tows illegally parked cars - you may not get a warning ticket. Impound-towing fees are several hundred dollars and it can take hours to retrieve your car. We don't want that to happen to you, so we made this list!

Park One Inc.

650 Poydras at Camp (entrance on Camp St.) 525-6911 7am -6pm
\$4 - \$7 - \$10 and \$13 - Fills up early in the day

Self-service lots on Magazine at Julia Street

Insert coins/bills into a slot. These fill up early.

Self-service lot on Tchoupitoulas across from the Staybridge Inn at Poydras and Tchoupitoulas

Inset coins/bills/credit card. These spaces fill up early. \$12-20 per day.

Harrah's Casino Parking Garage

Poydras at Convention Center Blvd. Not very close, but easy in and out, reliable, covered, with security. 5 blocks from courthouse, per hour rates, \$10-\$20 per day

Hilton New Orleans/St. Charles Ave.: 0-3hrs \$10 3-10 hours \$15

Hilton Riverside Garage

2 Poydras 6 blocks from courthouse. Not very close, but easy in and out, reliable, covered, with security. Hourly rates, \$10-\$20 per day

Hotel Parking near the courthouse - pricey

Renaissance Arts: \$23 per day

Hilton New Orleans/St. Charles Ave.: \$29 per 24hrs

Inter-Continental: \$29 per day

Restaurants and Quick Food Near the Courthouse

There are many excellent restaurants in the CBD and French Quarter of New Orleans. A few pricier lunch experiences near the courthouse are:

- La Cote Brasserie at the Renaissance Arts Hotel, 700 Tchoupitoulas, 613-2350
- LÚKE 333 St. Charles Ave at the Hilton New Orleans/St Charles Ave.
- HerbSaint at 701 St. Charles (<http://www.herbsaint.com>) 524-4114

- Café Adelaide at 300 Poydras St., 595-3305
- A court favorite is Bon Ton Café at 401 Magazine St. It is medium-priced and business casual;
- The ultra-touristy and not exactly shiny Mother's Restaurant is on the 400 block of Poydras. Lots of deep fried New Orleans traditions, but be prepared to stand in line during peak seasons.

The library keeps a copy of Gambit's Restaurant Guide at the reference desk. Just stop in and ask to see it!

For quick and less expensive lunch alternatives:

- Vending machines are available on the first floor back hallway.
- A quick lunch of soup, sandwich, and salad combos is available for ten dollars or less at the Bayou Eatery in the Texaco Bldg. on Magazine St. across from the federal buildings.
- P.J.'s Coffee House at ___ Camp St. sells bagels, muffins and pre-made salads.
- On the 11th floor of the Pan American Building at 600 Poydras there is a full menu cafeteria offering entrees as well as a large salad bar. Very reasonable.

Hotels

Most hotels in New Orleans are sold out several months in advance for the dates around Mardi Gras, Jazzfest, the French Quarter Festival, Essence Festival, and Sugar Bowl Weekend. Premium rates apply during those times. Call the library for information on dates: (504) 310-7797.

In Order of Closest Proximity

Courtyard New Orleans Convention Center	(0.04 miles)	300 Julia	(504) 598-9898
Wyndham Hotel	(0.07 miles)	610 Poydras	(504) 581-4222
Lafayette Hotel Suites Downtown	(0.07 miles)	600 St. Charles Ave.	(504) 524-4441
Best Western	(0.09 miles)	500 St. Charles Ave.	(504) 522-9000
Inter-Continental	(0.13 miles)	444 St. Charles Ave.	(504) 525-5566
Ambassador	(0.15 miles)	535 Tchoupitoulas St.	(504) 527-5271
Staybridge Suites (new)	(0.16 miles)	501 Tchoupitoulas at Poydras	(504) 571-1818
Queen & Crescent Hotel	(0.16 miles)	344 Camp St.	(504) 587-9700
Harrah's Hotel (new)	(0.17 miles)	228 Poydras Street	(504) 533-6000

Renaissance Arts Hotel

(0.18 miles) 700 Tchoupitoulas St. (504) 613-2330

Hilton New Orleans/St. Charles Ave.

(0.19 miles) 333 St. Charles Ave. (504)524-8890

La Quinta Inn

(0.19 miles) 301 Camp St. (504) 598-9977

W Hotel New Orleans

(0.19 miles) 333 Poydras St. (504) 525-944

Omni Royal Crescent Hotel

(0.19 miles) 535 Gravier St. (504) 527-0006

Loews New Orleans Hotel

(0.21 miles) 300 Poydras St. (212) 521-2714

Le Pavillon Hotel

(0.23 miles) 833 Poydras (504) 581-3111

Homewood Suites Hotel

(0.24 miles) 901 Poydras St. (504) 581-5599

Windsor Court Hotel*

(0.24 miles) 300 Gravier (504) 523-6000 *Nationally rated four star hotel

Major Hotels within 5 - 10 blocks of the Court of Appeals

Sheraton

500 Canal St. (504) 525-2500

Doubletree Hotel

300 Canal St. (504) 581-1300

Marriot

555 Canal St. (504) 581-1000

Embassy Suites

315 Julia St. (504) 525-1993

Wyndham Hotel

701 Convention Ctr. Blvd. (504) 524-8200

Hilton

2 Poydras (504) 561-0500

FIFTH CIRCUIT LIBRARY

(504) 310-7797

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<http://www.lb5.uscourts.gov>

The Fifth Circuit Library System serves the federal judiciary and related agencies throughout Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The headquarters library in New Orleans also serves local attorneys and the general public by providing a current legal research facility and personalized reference service by professional law librarians.

Library Services include:

- A state-of-the-art legal research collection
- Comprehensive collection of congressional documents
- Library Internet site with links to opinions, publications, and research sites
- Online Library Catalog, PC accessible
- Links to Fifth Circuit Archives material via the Online Catalog
- Public Access Terminals providing access to legal research sites, Internet, Lexis and Westlaw (using your own password) CD-Rom resources, and Word Processing programs
- Photocopies and computer print-outs at 10¢ per page. Printing to disks is free.
- Microfiche reader/printer/scanner
- State Statutes, current and superceded, for Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas
- Current biographies of Fifth Circuit judges
- Faxing documents upon request - published and unpublished Fifth Circuit decisions and other brief documents can be faxed or emailed to you upon request
- Comprehensive collection of Law Reviews
- Current national and local newspapers and magazines and a great lounge area
- Tours of building, when practicable, for individuals or groups. Contact librarian to schedule tour (504) 310-7797

If you still have questions about your visit to the John Minor Wisdom Court of Appeals Building, don't hesitate to call Library Public Services at (504) 310-7797
