

Rule 5 (b)

(b) Remote Accessibility to Information in Electronic Form through the Attorney Portal. Attorneys who are licensed to practice in Massachusetts and have registered with the Massachusetts Trial Court shall have access to a portal providing remote access to cases in which they have entered an appearance, a calendar of scheduled events in such cases, and **the ability to search other non-exempt cases by party name. Access is subject to such terms and conditions to be set by the Chief Justice of the Trial Court, and an attorney's access may be suspended or revoked for violation of those terms.** The portable document format (PDF) version of certain publicly available court records, if so maintained by the court, may be made available on the Attorney Portal. Each appropriate Department of the Trial Court may request permission from the Chief Justice of the Trial Court to exempt certain criminal case types or categories of information from remote access.

Notes

Rule 5(b), Access through the Attorney Portal. ~~Attorneys shall have no greater access to court records than the general public except for those cases in which they have entered an appearance. The Attorney Portal is intended as a convenience for attorneys to easily access their cases and other cases in which they have a legitimate interest... The ability to conduct a general search for court records not connected to an attorney's cases will be available only on the internet portal, pursuant to Rule 5(a).~~ **Attorneys may register to use the Attorney Portal by providing their business email address on file with the Board of Bar Overseers. Registered attorneys may log in to the portal upon certifying the attorney has read and agreed to comply with the Trial Court's "terms of use" agreement posted on the portal. Registered attorneys will have access to their calendar and cases and the ability to search other non-exempt cases throughout the portal by party name. The "terms of use" are intended to prevent misuse, tampering, and criminal behavior, including any activity that would seek to violate the intent of the CORI law.**