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The East Baton Rouge Parish Clerk of Court's Latest Technological Update Offers Electronic Recording, One-Stop Search, 1811 to Date Image Research, More

A series of new advancements began this summer with the Clerk of Court's latest technological upgrade, bringing several new features sure to be popular with the public and regular office users alike. "Our court phase has been met with great success and the feedback we have received from the legal community has been overwhelmingly positive. We hoped that our real estate community and the public at large would be just as satisfied with the new features we have to offer on the land and recording side and so far that has been the case," Clerk of Court Doug Welborn said.

The office's popular online subscription service for regular users is now housed under one umbrella. In the past, the great majority of online subscribers carried plans for both the land and court data services and going forward under the new structure, only the combined service will be available. Researchers who primarily use either the land or court side of the service have largely concurred that the need to cross over into the alternate data occurs often enough that a subscription to both has proven to be useful. Land research often leads to legal matters and vice versa and the new package is a convenient way to have it all available and more efficient than ever given the similarities afforded by this latest upgrade.

"Many features for this new system are sure to be of interest to the general public as well as the real estate community, including the introduction of our fully enhanced electronic recording model. We also offer a 24 hour subscription for short-term research as well as improved search features including mortgage and conveyance indexes searchable back to the 1800s," Welborn said.

ELECTRONIC RECORDING OFFICIALLY UP AND RUNNING AT THE CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE

Electronic recording was activated in its permanent form during the office's go-live period this past summer. Frequent customers who have been using the system during the soft-open phase have lauded its ease and convenience and now the feature will be available to the general public who might have a document or two to record and cannot make the trip to the office.

"We still welcome and value our walk-in customers to the highest and hope they will continue to visit us, but we are proud to offer this availability to folks far and wide for whom visiting our office is not feasible or convenient," Doug Welborn said.

Detailed instructions on how to use the e-recording system are available through the office's website or by calling (225) 389-3985.

24-Hour Subscriber Service for Records Research Looks to Be Popular

Part of the new rollout of the Clerk's system upgrade affords customers the opportunity to sign-up for a temporary subscription for records research. For \$20.00 per 24 hours, users will have access to research all of the holdings available in the Court and Land sides.

This new features supplements the still-available monthly subscription for regular users that has been popular for years. The service will be ideal for customers in other areas who need temporary access. The genealogical, real estate and legal communities are expected to be among its frequent users.

1811 to Date Records to Be Part of Searchable Records in New System

Land and other recorded records from 1811 through the early 1970s have been imaged and viewable for several years at the Clerk of Court's Office, but for the first time, they will now be searchable through the office's updated system.

"Our land and title researchers have been happy with the ability to easily perform their needed searches with the time frame we have on hand now, but this new addition will be exciting for anyone with an interest in history, genealogy and the earliest days of our parish," Doug Welborn said.

Using a feature known as the Russell Key Index, users will now be able to pull up records by name and easily link them to the instrument number of the recorded document. Gone will be the need to find the instrument numbers through other means such as microfilm, printed indexes or separate indices in another location.