

**District Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule\*****Eff. 06/01/2004**

Following are fees to be charged for services provided by the district courts. No fees are to be charged for services rendered on behalf of the United States, with the exception of those specifically prescribed in items 2, 4 and 5. No fees under this schedule shall be charged to federal agencies or programs which are funded from judiciary appropriations, including, but not limited to, agencies, organizations, and individuals providing services authorized by the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, and Bankruptcy Administrator programs.

- (1) For filing or indexing any document not in a case or proceeding for which a filing fee has been paid, \$39.
- (2) For every search of the records of the district court conducted by the clerk of the district court or a deputy clerk, \$26 per name or item searched. This fee shall apply to services rendered on behalf of the United States if the information requested is available through electronic access.
- (3) For certification of any document or paper, whether the certification is made directly on the document or by separate instrument, \$9. For exemplification of any document or paper, twice the amount of the fee for certification.
- (4) For reproducing any record or paper, \$.50 per page. This fee shall apply to paper copies made from either: (1) original documents; or (2) microfiche or microfilm reproductions of the original records. This fee shall apply to services rendered on behalf of the United States if the record or paper requested is available through electronic access.
- (5) For reproduction of recordings of proceedings, regardless of the medium, \$26, including the cost of materials. This fee shall apply to services rendered on behalf of the United States, if the reproduction of the recording is available electronically.
- (6) For each microfiche sheet of film or microfilm jacket copy of any court record, where available, \$5.
- (7) For retrieval of a record from a Federal Records Center, National Archives, or other storage location removed from the place of business of the court, \$45.
- (8) For a check paid into the court which is returned for lack of funds, \$45.
- (9) For an appeal to a district judge from a judgment of conviction by a magistrate in a misdemeanor case, \$32.
- (10) For original admission of attorneys to practice, \$180 each, including a certificate of admission. For admission of attorneys to practice pro hoc vice, \$65. For a duplicate certificate of admission or certificate of good standing, \$15.
- (11) The court may charge and collect fees commensurate with the cost of providing copies of the local rules of court. The court may also distribute copies of the local rules without charge.
- (12) The clerk shall assess a charge for the handling of registry funds deposited with the court, to be assessed from interest earnings and in accordance with the detailed fee schedule issued by the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.
- (13) For filing an action brought under Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, P.L. 104-114, 110 Stat. § 785 (1996), \$5,431. (This fee is in addition to the filing fee prescribed in 28 U.S.C. 1914(a) for instituting any civil action other than a writ of habeas corpus.)
- (14) For filing a complaint or an initiating paper in a case or proceeding that will be heard before a judicial officer, \$150. For filing a petition for writ of habeas corpus, \$5.
- (15) For filing an appeal to a court of appeals or the United States Supreme Court from a judgment of the district court, \$255, which includes the filing fee of the district court.

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\*Issued in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b).

## **ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS FEE SCHEDULE (eft. 9/23/03)**

As directed by Congress, the Judicial Conference has determined that the following fees are necessary to reimburse expenses incurred by the judiciary in providing electronic public access to court records. These fees shall apply to the United States unless otherwise stated. No fees under this schedule shall be charged to federal agencies or programs which are funded from judiciary appropriations, including, but not limited to, agencies, organizations, and individuals providing services authorized by the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, and bankruptcy administrator programs.

- I. For electronic access to court data via dial up service: sixty cents per minute. For electronic access to court data via a federal judiciary Internet site: seven cents per page, with the total for any document, docket sheet, or case-specific report not to exceed the fee for thirty pages- provided however that transcripts of federal court proceedings shall not be subject to the thirty-page fee limit. Attorneys of record and parties in a case (including *pro se* litigants) receive one free electronic copy of all documents filed electronically, if receipt is required by law or directed by the filer. No fee is owed under this provision until an account holder accrues charges of more than \$10 in a calendar year. Consistent with Judicial Conference policy, courts may, upon a showing of cause, exempt indigents, bankruptcy case trustees, individual researchers associated with educational institutions, courts, section 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organizations and pro bono ADR neutrals from payment of these fees. Courts must find that parties from the classes of persons or entities listed above seeking exemption have demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Any user granted an exemption agrees not to sell for profit the data obtained as a result. Exemptions may be granted for a definite period of time and may be revoked at the discretion of the court granting the exemption.
- II. For printing copies of any record or document accessed electronically at a public terminal in the courthouse: ten cents per page. This fee shall apply to services rendered on behalf of the United States if the record requested is remotely available through electronic access.
- III. For every search of court records conducted by the PACER Service Center, \$20.

### **JUDICIAL CONFERENCE POLICY NOTES**

Courts should not exempt local, state or federal government agencies, members of the media, attorneys or others not members of one of the groups listed above. Exemptions should be granted as the exception, not the rule. A court may not use this exemption language to exempt all users. An exemption applies only to access related to the case or purpose for which it was given.

The electronic public access fee applies to electronic court data viewed remotely from the public records of individual cases in the court, including filed documents and the docket sheet. Electronic court data may be viewed free at public terminals at the courthouse and courts may provide other local court information at no cost. Examples of information that can be provided at no cost include: local rules, court forms, news items, court calendars, opinions, and other information - such as court hours, court location, telephone listings - determined locally to benefit the public and the court.