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Digital Audio Pilot Launched

Three federal courts are currently making digital audio recordings of courtroom proceedings publicly available on-line through PACER as participants in a one year long pilot. The U.S. District Court in Nebraska, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama have integrated their recording and Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) systems to make some audio files available on the Internet. Two additional courts, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Maine will also be participating in the pilot.

PACER customers can listen to digital recordings of hearings by selecting a docket entry from the Docket Report that contains the audio icon as reflected in the sample. The duration of the pilot project will be 12 months during which the fee for accessing the recordings is \$.08 in addition to \$.08 per page of the Docket Report (up to 30 pages). If audio access becomes permanent, usage and cost information gathered during the pilot will be used to determine an appropriate fee. The Press Release regarding the pilot project may be viewed at http://www.uscourts.gov/Press_Releases/digialaudio080607.html

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Courts of Appeals and CM/ECF

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit was the first court of its kind to implement the Appellate version of the CM/ECF system recently. Mandatory e-filing (unless granted an exemption) became effective for this court on June 1, 2007. In order to set up an appellate filer account, the appellate CM/ECF filer registration form must be completed at the PACER home page <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>. Computer-based training modules explaining CM/ECF, PACER reports, and document filing in the Eighth Circuit are available on the court's website www.ca8.uscourts.gov.

The U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fourth, Sixth and Tenth Circuits followed by implementing CM/ECF. However, e-filing had not yet been implemented for these courts at the time of this article's publishing.

Most of the remaining U.S. Courts of Appeals are set to implement CM/ECF by early 2008. Information regarding a particular court's implementation date may be available at the court's home page.

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