

District Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule *

Following are fees to be charged for services to be performed by clerks of 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 14. 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 paper not in a case or proceeding for which a case filing fee has been paid, \$30. This fee is applicable to the filing of a petition to perpetuate testimony, Rule 27(a), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the filing of papers by trustees under 28 U.S.C. § 754, the filing of letters rogatory or letters of request, and registering of a judgment from another district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1963.
- (2) For every search of the records of the district court conducted by the clerk of the district court or a deputy clerk, \$20 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, \$7. 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 magnetic tape recordings, either cassette or reel-to-reel, \$20 including the cost of materials.
- (6) For each microfiche sheet of film or microfilm jacket copy of any court record, where available, \$4.
- (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, \$25.
- (8) For a check paid into the court which is returned for lack of funds, \$35.

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- (9) For an appeal to a district judge from a judgment of conviction by a magistrate in a misdemeanor case, \$25.
- (10) For original admission of attorneys to practice, \$50 each, including a certificate of admission. 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 printing, for 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 usage of electronic access to court data: \$.60 per minute of usage via dial up service, and \$.07 per page for public users obtaining information through a federal judiciary Internet site [provided the court may, for good cause, exempt persons or classes of persons from the fees, in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to such information]. All such fees collected shall be deposited to the Judiciary Information Technology Fund. These fees shall apply to the United States. (The Judicial Conference has approved an advisory note clarifying the judiciary's policy with respect to exemptions from the fees for usage of electronic access to court data. This advisory note is attached to this Fee Schedule as Appendix I. The Conference has also approved an advisory note defining information that may be provided to the public at no cost. This advisory note is attached at Appendix II.)
- (14) 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), \$4180. (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.)

APPENDIX I

The Judicial Conference has prescribed fees for electronic access to court data, as set forth above in the District Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule. The schedule provides that the court may exempt persons or classes of persons from the fees, in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to such information. Exemptions should be granted as the exception, not the rule. The exemption language is intended to accommodate those users who might otherwise not have access to the information in this electronic form. It is not intended to provide a means by which a court would exempt all users.

Examples of persons and classes of persons who may be exempted from electronic public access fees include, but are not limited to: indigents; bankruptcy case trustees; not-for-profit organizations; and voluntary ADR neutrals.

APPENDIX II

a. The Judicial Conference has prescribed a fee for access to court data obtained electronically from the public records of individual cases in the court, including filed documents and the docket sheet, except as provided below.

b. Courts may provide other local court information at no cost. Examples of information which can be provided at no cost include: local rules, court forms, news items, court calendars, opinions designated by the court for publication, and other information - such as court hours, court location, telephone listings - determined locally to benefit the public and the court.