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PRESS ADVISORY:

Judicial Branch Expands Public Access to Civil Court Files on Internet

The Judicial Branch is expanding public access to paperless civil files that have a return date on or after Jan. 1, 2014, allowing users to remotely access documents via the Internet, unless they are unavailable to the public because of a court order, rule or statute.

Users may remotely access documents filed in paperless civil files that have a return date on or **after** Jan. 1, 2014, through the <u>Case Look-Up</u> section of the Judicial Branch website. There is no cost to access or print the documents remotely. Users also may view electronically available documents filed in civil cases with a return date after Jan. 1, 2014, at any Judicial District courthouse.

Users may view electronically available documents in civil files that have a return date **before** Jan. 1, 2014, only from a computer at any Judicial District courthouse unless the user is an attorney with an appearance in the file or a self-represented party with electronic access to the file. Orders and memoranda of decision in civil cases with a return date before Jan. 1, 2014, will remain accessible through the Internet.

Please note that when jury selection is commenced for any civil case, the remote display of the case via the Case Look-Up section of the Judicial Branch website will be disabled throughout the trial until the jurors are dismissed or the case is disposed. During this time period, electronically available documents will still be accessible via public computers at any (MORE)

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Judicial District courthouse in the state.

For further information, please contact the External Affairs Division at 860-757-2270.

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