

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Digital Audio File Electronic Access Pilot Program

NOTICE

The pilot program has been authorized by the Judicial Conference of the United States and will provide digital audio files of court proceedings through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system. The Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Court Administration and Case Management has selected five pilot courts. The Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the District of Nebraska are the district courts selected to participate in the project. The Eastern District of North Carolina, the Northern District of Alabama and the District of Maine are the bankruptcy courts selected to participate in this project. During the pilot project digital audio recordings of courtroom proceedings will be publicly available on Pacer upon the approval of the presiding judge. More than 840,000 subscribers already use PACER to access docket and case information from federal appellate, district and bankruptcy courts.

Digital audio recording has been an authorized method of making an official record of court proceedings since 1999, when it was approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States. Digital audio recording is used in district and bankruptcy courts in the federal court system. A majority of Eastern District of Pennsylvania district court judges and all magistrate judges use digital audio recordings of court proceedings.

Should you have any questions concerning the notice, please contact Eastern District of Pennsylvania Systems Manager, Susan Matlack at 267-299-7051.

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