Notice of Amendments to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts Fee Schedule Concerning Requests for Access to Electronic Case Records

Section 5.00(A) of the *Electronic Case Record Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania* provides that reasonable fees may be imposed for providing public access to electronic case records pursuant to this policy.

When responding to bulk requests pursuant to Section 3.10(A) of this policy, the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) currently charges \$78 per hour (\$28 per hour for staff time and \$50 per hour for computer equipment time). This fee schedule took effect January 1, 1997 (26 Pa.B. 6179).

Beginning April 1, 2012, the fee schedule shall be amended as follows. The computer equipment time fee of \$50 per hour will be eliminated. The staff time fee shall be increased to \$80 per hour. The net result will be an overall increase of 2.5% (from \$78 to \$80 per hour). In addition, a minimum charge of 1 hour of staff time shall be assessed to each request, and thereafter requesters will be charged in 15 minute increments.

In addition, the fees assessed for recurring bulk requests (i.e., on a monthly basis) of standardized files will also change as of April 1, 2012. To view the most recent list of standardized files offered and associated fees, please visit the AOPC website at www.pacourts.us.

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