

PRELIMINARY REPORT
JUDICIAL CONFERENCE ACTIONS
September 23, 2003

All of the following matters requiring the expenditure of funds were approved by the Judicial Conference subject to the availability of funds, and subject to whatever priorities the Conference might establish for the use of available resources. Except where noted, all votes were unanimous.

Committee on Court Administration and Case Management

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Took the following actions on privacy and public access to electronic criminal case files (*one dissenting vote*):

- a. Amended current Judicial Conference policy regarding remote public access to electronic criminal case file documents to permit such access to be the same as public access to criminal case file documents at the courthouse;
- b. Agreed to delay the effective date of this new policy until such time as the Conference approves specific guidance on the implementation and operation of the policy developed by the Committees on Court Administration and Case Management, Criminal Law, and Defender Services;
- c. Upon the effective date of any change in policy regarding remote public access to electronic criminal case file documents, agreed to require that personal data identifiers be redacted by the filer of the document, whether the document is filed electronically or in paper, as follows:
 - (1) Social Security numbers to the last four digits;
 - (2) financial account numbers to the last four digits;
 - (3) names of minor children to the initials;
 - (4) dates of birth to the year; and
 - (5) home addresses to city and state; and
- d. Approved continuation of the pilot project allowing specified courts to provide remote public access to electronic criminal case file documents, with continued monitoring by the Federal Judicial Center, until the Conference approves the specific guidance.

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