

Identification of Historically Significant Case Files

The National Archives and Records Administration and the Judicial Conference have revised the Judiciary's records disposition schedule for civil case files. The revised schedule is intended to reduce the Judiciary's costs for storage of old paper civil case file records. Accordingly, the Eastern District of Tennessee has been asked to identify any historically significant non-trial civil case files from 1970 to 1995 that should be retained permanently.

A historically significant case may be one that:

- involved a judge, lawyer, litigant, or witness of historical interest or importance;
- involved an issue of historical legal interest;
- involved a matter of historical interest separate from the legal issues in the litigation; or
- received substantial media attention at the time.

Criminal cases are excluded from this review. Civil cases that proceeded to trial are automatically designated as permanent and will be retained. Further, civil cases with the following nature of suit codes and which did not proceed to trial are also designated as permanent and will be retained:

160	Stockholders' Suits	470	Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations
191	Employee Relations	480	Consumer Credit
192	State Fair Trade Act	490	Cable/Satellite TV
210	Land Condemnation	510	Motions to Vacate Sentence
220	Foreclosure	530	Habeas Corpus: General
240	Torts to Land	535	Habeas Corpus: Death Penalty
245	Tort Product Liability	540	Habeas Corpus: Mandamus & Other
310	Airplane	550	Habeas Corpus: Civil Rights
315	Airplane Product Liability	555	Habeas Corpus: Prison Condition
360	Other Personal Injury	610	Agriculture
362	Personal Injury – Medical Malpractice	710	Fair Labor Standards Act

365	Personal Injury – Product Liability	730	Labor/Management Reporting & Disclosure Act
368	Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	740	Railway Labor Act
370	Other Fraud	810	Selective Service
371	Truth in Lending	820	Copyrights
400	State Reapportionment	830	Patent
410	Antitrust	850	Securities/Commodities/Exchange
430	Banks and Banking	862	Black Lung
440	Other Civil Rights	880	Review or Enforcement
441	Voting	890	Other Statutory Actions
442	Employment	891	Agricultural Acts
443	Housing/Accommodations	892	Economic Stabilization Act
444	Welfare	893	Environmental Matters
445	Americans with Disabilities – Employment	894	Energy Allocation Act
446	Americans with Disabilities – Other	895	Freedom of Information Act
460	Deportation	900	Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice
461	Deportation Review	910	Domestic Relations
462	Naturalization Application	930	Probation
463	Habeas Corpus – Alien Detainee	950	Constitutionality of State Statutes
465	Other Immigration Actions	970	Narcotic Addict Rehabilitation

If you recall any non-trial civil cases from 1970 to 1995 that you believe to be historically significant, please e-mail Penny Arning, Staff Attorney, at penny_arning@tned.uscourts.gov so we may ensure that the records are designated for permanent retention. Thank you for your help!