

## NOTICE TO PACER FEE-EXEMPT USERS RE: RECAP SOFTWARE

The court would like to remind fee-exempt PACER users (including **Federal Defender Services** attorneys and **CJA Panel** attorneys) of the terms of the exemption and of potential issues associated with a new software application called RECAP. It was designed by a group from Princeton University to enable the sharing of court documents on the Internet. Once a user loads RECAP, documents that he or she subsequently accesses via PACER are automatically sent to a public Internet repository. Other RECAP/PACER users are then able to see whether documents are available from the Internet repository.

A fee exemption applies only for limited purposes. **Any transfer of data obtained as the result of a fee exemption is prohibited unless expressly authorized by the court.** Therefore, fee-exempt PACER users must refrain from the use of RECAP.

The prohibition on transfer of information received without fee is not intended to bar a quote or reference to information received as a result of a fee exemption in a scholarly or other similar work