

Class Action Summary

PACER Fees Class Action

This is not an official Court Notice.

Information contained in this Summary is subject to change. There is no monetary settlement at this time.

If you or your business paid fees for the use of PACER from **April 21**, **2010 through April 21**, **2016**, an antitrust class action lawsuit alleging price fixing may affect you.

<u>Eligible Class Members</u>: Eligible Class Members are all persons or entities (excluding federal government entities) who or which, from April 21, 2010 through April 21 2016, paid fees for the use of "PACER" (defined below).

<u>Definition of "PACER"</u>: PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records) is a decentralized system of electronic judicial-records databases. It is managed by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts ("AO"), and each federal court maintains its own database. Any person or entity may access records through PACER by registering for an online account and searching the applicable court database for a specific fee.

Definition of "Defendants": The Defendant is the United States of America.

<u>Case History</u>: The U.S. Congress authorized the AO to charge PACER fees under the E-Government Act of 2002 only to the extent necessary to cover the costs of providing the service. In 2016, a class action lawsuit was filed in the District of Columbia alleging the Defendant, through the AO, charged PACER users more than necessary to cover the costs of providing public access to federal court records through PACER. At this time, the class has been certified and the litigation is proceeding as a class action. It is impossible to predict the outcome; however, it is possible that money may become available to eligible class members if a settlement is reached in the future.

If a monetary settlement is obtained, information about it will be available from Class Counsel. You also may visit the court approved website once one is established.

Please understand that you have the right to file on your own if and when there is a monetary settlement.

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