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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 3, 2009

TO: Court Administrators, Registers, Friends of the Court

FROM: Jill Booth, Management Analyst

RE: **Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER)**

Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) is an electronic public access service that allows users to obtain case and docket information from Federal Appellate, District and Bankruptcy courts, and the U.S. Party/Case Index via the Internet.

The PACER System offers electronic access to case dockets to retrieve information such as:

- A listing of all parties and participants including judges, attorneys, and trustees
- A compilation of case related information such as cause of action, nature of suit, and dollar demand
- A chronology of dates of case events entered in the case record
- A claims registry
- A listing of new cases each day
- Appellate court opinions
- Judgments or case status
- Types of documents filed for certain cases
- Imaged copies of documents

Courts may find this service beneficial when dealing with bankruptcy issues in their courts. The bankruptcy status of litigants and criminal defendants can be confirmed or determined through PACER.

The normal user fees are waived for courts that wish to subscribe to this service if the chief judge of the court writes a letter to the chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in his/her district and requests a waiver. The chief judges of the bankruptcy courts in Michigan are:

- Chief Judge Phillip J. Shefferly, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, 211 W. Fort St., Suite 1950, Detroit, Michigan 48226
- Chief Judge James D. Gregg, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan, One Division Avenue, N., Room #310, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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The Michigan Judicial Institute will offer training on bankruptcy, including an overview and a general review of bankruptcy procedures, in the near future. The training will be a series of 45-60 minute archived webcasts that can be accessed by the courts on demand.

Court personal who have questions may contact Jill Booth at 517-373-3756 or boothj@courts.mi.gov.