
To: Northern District of Illinois E-Filers

From: Chief Judge James F. Holderman on behalf of the
Seventh Circuit Electronic Discovery Committee,
Chaired by Magistrate Judge Nan Nolan

Re: Free Webinar on the Principles of the Seventh Circuit
Electronic Discovery Pilot Program Phase One
February 17, 2010 at Noon C.S.T.

You are cordially invited to attend, electronically and free of charge, the first nationally broadcast in-depth discussion of the Principles Relating to the Discovery of Electronically Stored Information adopted by the Seventh Circuit Electronic Discovery Committee. The program will be broadcast on LAW.COM on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at Noon C.S.T.

Beginning October 1, 2009, the Electronic Discovery Pilot Program Phase One was launched in the district courts of the Seventh Circuit, with emphasis in the Northern District of Illinois. The Pilot Program applies the Principles to over 80 specifically selected cases. The Principles were drafted by a 40-member Committee comprised of trial judges and lawyers, including in-house counsel, private practitioners (plaintiff and defense), government attorneys, academics and litigation expert consultants. To learn more about the Principles click on the following link to the 7thcircuitbar.org/Principles.

The goal of the Principles is to provide incentives for the early and informal information exchange on commonly encountered issues relating to evidence preservation and discovery, paper and electronic, as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f)(2). The Principles provide guidance on how to streamline the discovery process (e.g., suggesting formats of electronic discovery which are generally not required to be preserved, thus requiring a party to discuss the need for such formats early in the pretrial litigation process) and how to resolve disputes regarding electronic discovery.

The Principles also contain novel ideas, such as the use of e-discovery liaisons, to assist parties in efficiently managing discovery, particularly discovery involving complex electronically stored information. The Principles have generated a tremendous amount of interest in the legal community nationally.

To learn more about the February 17, 2010 webinar and to register click on the following link to the [webinar](#).