

## Court Information Release



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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### **Northern District of Illinois Begins Access to Free Court Opinions**

CHICAGO –Chief Judge Rubén Castillo announced that beginning today, the public will have another option to view court opinions without a fee. The Northern District of Illinois has begun utilizing the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts’ approved implementation of the Government Printing Office's (GPO's) public access to court opinions. GPO's program is titled Federal Digital System, FDsys. Collections on this website are divided into appellate, district or bankruptcy court opinions and are text searchable across courts.

Chief Judge Castillo stated, “Free access to court opinions is necessary for the public to understand more about the judiciary.” Castillo continued, “This improvement is another example of the Northern District of Illinois’ commitment to enhance accessibility to our Court.”

Pursuant to the Judicial Conference's direction, GPO will pull court opinions each night and they will be posted on the FDsys website and available to the public without a fee. The searchable website can be found here:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=USCOURTS>

With its twenty-two authorized district judgeships, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois is the third largest district court in the nation. The Court’s current caseload includes more than 12,000 new civil cases filed and more than 900 new

felony criminal defendants annually.

The Northern District of Illinois stretches across 18 counties from the southernmost point in La Salle County to the westernmost point in Jo Davies County at the Iowa border, an area of nearly 10,100 square miles, with a total population of nearly 9.3 million persons. These counties are divided into the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Northern District of Illinois with courthouses in Chicago and Rockford.

More information about the Northern District of Illinois is available at their website: [www.ilnd.uscourts.gov](http://www.ilnd.uscourts.gov)

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