

## **Electronic Public Access Public User Group Meeting**

**November 13, 2024**

### **EPA Public User Group Members Present**

Brian R. Gallagher, Director of Content Acquisition, Thomson Reuters  
Dana S. Griffin Robinson, Regional Docket Manager, Jones Day  
Mark Harris, Investigative Technology Journalist, *Wired*, *The Guardian*, *IEEE Spectrum*, and *The Economist*  
Benton C. Martin, Deputy Defender, Federal Community Defender Office, Detroit, Mich.  
Roksana D. Moradi-Brovia, Partner, RHM Law  
Lindsay A. Owen, Assistant Managing Clerk, White & Case  
Robert Patrick, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri  
Janet Peros, Senior Research Analyst, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison  
Anna Liese Price, Senior Legal Reference Librarian, Law Library of Congress  
Blayne V. Scofield, Senior Product Manager/Dockets, Bloomberg Industry Group

### *EPA Public User Group Members Not Present*

Jaime Miguel El Koury, Student, Harvard Law School

### **Administrative Office of the United States Courts**

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| Lucien Adam          | Group Chair and Chief, Programs Division, Court Services Office |
| Linda Melchor        | Program Analyst, EPA Section, Court Services Office             |
| Sukanya Somasundaram | Program Analyst, Case Management Branch, Court Services Office  |
| Roger Jacobson       | Chief, National Programs Branch, Court Services Office          |
| Kristin Baczynski    | Attorney Advisor, EPA Section, Court Services Office            |
| Clarissa Prince      | Budget Analyst, EPA Section, Court Services Office              |
| James Vilt           | Clerk of Court, Western District of Kentucky                    |

### **Meeting Summary**

Lucien Adam, Public User Group Chair and Division Chief within the Court Services Office, welcomed the Electronic Public Access (EPA) Public User Group members and called the meeting to order. He asked the members if there were any topics they recommended for the agenda of the December in-person meeting. No topics were requested, but the members were invited to email Administrative Office (AO) staff with topic suggestions within the week. He reminded members to book their travel arrangements at their earliest convenience following the instructions provided via email.

## **Unified Search Project Update**

The AO provided a status update on the Unified Search Project—an initiative to replace PACER search and reporting functionality. The goal of the project is to provide a modern, intuitive, user-friendly search interface, allowing public users to easily search across the federal judiciary for near real-time court data in cases, documents, and docket entries.

### **Case Preview Feedback – Additional Fields Requested\***

Previously, the members discussed the feedback provided for District Civil and Criminal. The Group was provided with a quick refresher on Case Preview, a feature that will provide a snapshot of a case in the new PACER interface to serve as a more affordable option to view case information than viewing the full docket report. During this meeting, the members continued discussing Case Preview by focusing on the additional fields requested by members for each Case Preview instance. Members discussed the 22 additional fields requested and decided which to prioritize for the initial release.

*\*Details of this discussion will be posted after an award is made in the Unified Search Project procurement.*

### **Q&A**

No additional questions were raised by members.

### **Next Steps**

- The AO has scheduled the final, in-person meeting with the Group for December 11, 2024. This will be an all-day meeting and will include a final review of Case Preview fields/data elements requirements for the initial (MVP) release and a brainstorming session for the Case Alerts requirements.
- Members were reminded to make their travel arrangements as soon as possible.