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Dear Trustees,

Recently, several bankruptcy clerks have sent the attached letter to trustees regarding a new software called RECAP. The RECAP software was designed by a group from Princeton University to enable the sharing of court documents obtained from PACER. RECAP can be downloaded free-of-charge from the Internet and, once installed on a computer, it automatically uploads any document that a PACER user accesses via PACER to a public Internet site so that other RECAP users can view it.

The Administrative Office for United States Courts (AOUSC) considers the use of RECAP by PACER users who have a fee exemption, i.e., the trustees, to be a violation of the fee-exempt agreement. The AOUSC has asked each local court to remind its fee exempt PACER users that any transfer of data obtained as a result of the fee exemption is prohibited unless expressly authorized by the court. Therefore, fee-exempt PACER users must refrain from the use of RECAP.

The full implications of using RECAP or related-software are still unknown, including whether restricted documents could be inadvertently made available on the public Internet. Please ensure that your office abides by the provisions of the fee-exempt agreement.

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