

# EXHIBIT 1

**If you paid fees to access federal court records on PACER at any time between April 21, 2010 and May 31, 2018, a proposed class action settlement may affect your rights.**

Nonprofit groups filed this lawsuit against the United States, claiming that the government has unlawfully charged PACER users more than necessary to cover the cost of providing public access to federal court records. The lawsuit, *National Veterans Legal Services Program, et al. v. United States*, Case No. 1:16-cv-00745-PLF, is pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. This notice is to inform you that the parties have decided to settle the case for \$125,000,000. This amount is referred to as the common fund. The settlement has been preliminarily approved by the Court.

**Why am I receiving this notice?** You are receiving this notice because you may have paid PACER fees between April 21, 2010 and May 31, 2018. This notice explains that the parties have entered into a proposed class action settlement that may affect you. You may have legal rights and options that you may exercise before the Court decides to grant final approval of the settlement.

**What is this lawsuit about?** The lawsuit alleges that federal courts have been charging unlawfully excessive PACER fees. It alleges that Congress has authorized the federal courts to charge PACER fees only to the extent necessary to cover the costs of providing public access to federal court records, and that the fees for use of PACER exceed its costs. The lawsuit further alleges that the excess PACER fees have been used to pay for projects unrelated to PACER. The government denies these claims and contends that the fees are lawful. The parties have agreed to settle.

**Who represents me?** The Court has appointed Gupta Wessler PLLC and Motley Rice LLC to represent the Class as Class Counsel. You do not have to pay Class Counsel or anyone else in order to participate. Class Counsel's fees and expenses will be deducted from the common settlement fund. You may hire your own attorney, if you wish, at your own expense.

**What are my options?**

**OPTION 1. Do nothing.** If you are an accountholder and directly paid your own PACER fees, you do not have to do anything to receive money from the settlement. You will automatically receive a check for your share of the common fund assuming the Court grants final approval of the settlement. If someone directly paid PACER Fees on your behalf, you should direct your payment to that individual or entity at [www.pacerfeesclassaction.com](http://www.pacerfeesclassaction.com) no later than [insert date for 60 days after dissemination of email notice]. If you accept payment of any settlement proceeds, you are verifying that you paid the PACER fees and are the proper recipient of the settlement funds.

**OPTION 2. Object or go to a hearing.** If you paid PACER fees, you may object to any aspect of the proposed settlement. Your written objection must be sent by [date] and submitted as set out in the *Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement* referred to below. You also may request in writing to appear at the final hearing on [date].

**How do I get more information?** This is only a summary of the proposed settlement. For a more detailed *Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement*, additional information on the lawsuit and proposed settlement, and a copy of the settlement agreement, visit [www.pacerfeesclassaction.com](http://www.pacerfeesclassaction.com), call [number], or write to: PACER Fees Class Action Administrator, P.O. Box 301134, Los Angeles, CA, 90030-1134.