

# Memo

From: Hon. Chad Schmucker  
Date: November 21, 2007  
Re: Viewing Digital Video Hearings In Your Law Office

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As you know, in January of this year, all 5 Circuit and Probate Courtrooms switched to digital video recording. We have established an FTP site to make requested videos available to you to watch in your home or office. Many attorneys have requested copies of videos, or have come to Court to watch videos for a variety of reasons. For example, to clarify exactly what the Judge said, to review witnesses' statements or to confirm their recollection of their own or opposing counsel's statements. Although it is still possible to request a DVD or a transcript, there is a much easier and faster way to review those recordings. You can review them in your own office and should generally be able to review them within a short time after requesting them.

When you request a hearing for a particular day, the Court Clerk can transfer that video to the FTP site. (Realistically, you will only be able to use this if you have a high speed connection such as cable or DSL. If you have a dial-up connection, this is probably not workable for you.) If you would like access to this site, you can then enter the site address into your computer and with your ID and password you will be able to copy the video to your desktop and view the video on your own computer, whether you are at home, office or even on the road with your laptop.

There have been some costs in setting up this FTP site and there obviously will be some time spent in responding to requests. As such, for those who want access to this service, we are requiring a \$50 annual fee for an ID and password.

If you have questions about this, please call me, or you may discuss them with Marion Stone at 768-8501.

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## **Application for ID and Password**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Bar No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this Application Form (and \$50 check payable to County of Jackson) to:

Charles Adkins, Circuit Court Administrator, 312 S. Jackson Street, Jackson, MI 49201