



D.C. Courts Launch Redesigned Web site

On March 26 the District of Columbia Courts launched its redesigned Web site, **www.dccourts.gov**, which is intended to be more user-friendly and interactive. The new Web site also aims to improve the availability of court-related information to the public and to legal professionals.

"Being accessible to all persons and ensuring public trust and confidence are chief priorities for the D.C. Courts. With the launch of our new Web site, the courts are improving our communication with the public, and ensuring that we continue to strive toward our vision, 'Open to All, Trusted by All, Justice for All,'" D.C. Courts Executive Officer Anne Wicks said.

The new and improved Web site features a modern and colorful design with organized drop-down menus that run horizontally across the top of the page, as well as a scrolling gallery of images that link to court news. One new feature is the D.C. Superior Court Criminal Division's Courtrooms Calendars page where users can see the cases that judges are presiding over on a daily basis. This feature will soon be expanded to include calendars of judges in other court divisions.

Another new feature is Court Cases Online, which allows users to search for case docket entries in civil, criminal, tax, probate (large and small estates), domestic violence, disclaimers of interest, major litigation, and wills and foreign estate proceedings. The Web site also provides access to D.C. Court of Appeals opinions, which are released each Thursday morning, and streams in real time appellate oral arguments.

The site's media homepage features recent media coverage, press releases and advisories, information on court-wide events, social media links, and contact information.—K.A.