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**Superior Court of Orange County
Searching for Case information by Name No Longer Free**

Santa Ana, CA – Financial constraints imposed by the California state fiscal crisis – resulting in repeated decreases in state court funding – have compelled the Superior Court of Orange County to apply a cost recovery fee to the use of its online Name Search application, www.occourts.org/online-services/case-access/. Check the Name Search application home page at the above link for updates as the mid-February 2014 launch date approaches.

Searching case file information by person or business name will require a usage fee starting in mid-February. Users who enter a case number to search will continue to have free access to that case file's information and will not be charged. Likewise, registered users in the Name Search application will be able to perform a search of their own name for no charge. Orange County is not the first county to impose such a fee as Riverside and Los Angeles Counties have been charging a Name Search fee for several years.

"It is unfortunate that we have to begin charging for the name search feature, but it will allow the Court to continue to provide mandated services at a time when other non-mandated services may have to be discontinued," explained Alan Carlson, Chief Executive Officer for the Superior Court of Orange County. He added, "The service will now be paid for by those using it, rather than the general public."

Effective mid-February 2014, the fee schedule will be:
- $1.00 for 1 name search credit
- $4.00 for 5 name search credits
- $7.50 for 10 name search credits
- $50.00 for 75 name search credits
- $250.00 per 30 days of unlimited name search credits

Searches continue to be free of charge at computers available for public use at the courthouses. Courthouse locations and more information are available online, www.occourts.org/locations/.