

## NOTICE

### AUDIO FILES AVAILABLE THROUGH PACER - PEORIA DIVISION

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#### Notice to Attorneys

Beginning **June 4, 2015**, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of Illinois, Peoria Division, will make digital audio files of certain court proceedings available through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system. Unless specifically ordered to be sealed or restricted, audio files of selected matters heard by Judge Thomas L. Perkins will be uploaded to the Case Management /Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) system and will available through PACER.

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The judiciary's privacy policy restricts the publication of certain personal data in documents filed with the Court. The policy requires limiting the disclosure of Social Security and financial account numbers to the last four digits, using only initials for the names of minor children, and limiting dates of birth to the year. However, if such information is elicited during the testimony or other Court proceedings, it will become available to the public.

#### Limiting Personal Information

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