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GPO PROVIDES TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR NEW SUPREME COURT WEB SITE

The Government Printing Office (GPO) is providing key technical support for the new Supreme Court official web site, which will make Court information available free of charge via the Internet to the Bar, the public, and the news media. The Court has announced the new site will be accessible on Monday, April 17, 2000, at <http://www.supremecourtus.gov>.

Working closely with the Court, GPO provided web site development services for the new site. Although it has its own web address, the Supreme Court site will be a part of the GPO Access system ([at http://www.access.gpo.gov](http://www.access.gpo.gov)) and will be hosted on GPO servers. GPO will provide round-the-clock web maintenance service for the Supreme Court site.

The new Supreme Court web site initially will provide online access to the Court's 1999 term slip opinions, 1999 Term orders, argument calendar, schedules, Rules, bar admission forms and instructions, visitors' guides, case-handling guides, special notices, press releases, and general information. A link will also be provided to the Court's "bench" opinions on GPO's Federal Bulletin Board ([at http://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov](http://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov)). The "bench" opinion is the first version of an opinion, published immediately after the case's announcement by the Court from the bench.

Public Printer Michael F. DiMario stated, "We are honored to be part of this historic project, which is the product of long hours and hard work by highly dedicated and talented personnel at both the Supreme Court and the GPO." Public Printer DiMario also observed that "GPO's involvement in the Supreme Court's new web site is consistent with our record of cooperation with the Court in the provision of public access to Court information."

Since 1991, GPO has been a subscriber to the Court's Project Hermes, an electronic subscription system that transmits the Court's orders and "bench" opinions to legal publishers, news organizations, educational institutions, and Government agencies moments after the materials are released. GPO makes this information public through its Federal Bulletin Board. The Court's new web site will not replace the Hermes system, and access to order and "bench" opinions of the Court will continue to be provided through a link to the Federal Bulletin Board. Slip opinions will be posted on the new web site within hours after the "bench" opinions are transmitted to Hermes subscribers.

GPO's provision of technical support for the new Supreme Court web site demonstrates the variety of web services GPO offers to its customers, including web hosting, page design,

page hosting, publishing, publishing training, site design, and site hosting services. In addition to the new Court site, GPO currently hosts 30 web and key Government publication sites for other Federal entities, including the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, the General Accounting Office, and the Office of Management and Budget.

GPO Access, GPO's own online information service, is one of the few Government web sites established by law and one of the longest running, beginning operation in 1994. It is virtually the only Government web site that provides easy, one-stop, no-fee access to information from all three branches of the Federal Government. It provides access to more than 170,000 Government information titles on GPO and other Federal agency servers. Monthly document retrievals today average more than 21 million-about 924 terabytes of information.

The Supreme Court suggests that questions about the new web site be directed to: The Public Information Office, Supreme Court of the United States, Washington, DC 20543.

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