

## **Fine/Restitution Payment Instructions**

As a result of the Mandatory Victims Restitution Act of 1996, all payments for special assessment, fines and restitution are received by the U.S. District Court Clerk's Office. The applicable interest rates, penalties, etc. are based on the offense date and the applicable statute in effect. Payments can be provided to the assigned probation officer or mailed to the Clerk's Office:

U.S. District Court  
Attn: Cashier  
Byrne Federal Courthouse, 601 Market Street  
Room 2609  
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1797

or presented in person to the cashier at the District Court Clerk's Office. Checks should be payable to "Clerk, U.S. District Court."

Special assessment, fine and restitution when imposed are ordered on the J & C (Judgement and Commitment Order) at sentencing. All monetary penalties are recorded by the Clerk's Office as documented in the J & C.

The United States District Court-Eastern District of Pennsylvania accepts the following methods, many with restrictions on types of services/remittances they can be used for.

### **Cash and Cashier's Checks**

Cash and Cashier's Checks are an accepted method of payment for all transactions received by the Court. Cashier's Checks are bank issued checks that must be issued to "Clerk, U.S. District Court." These checks are guaranteed by the financial institution to clear and a stop payment may not be issued on them.

### **Personal Checks, Business Checks, Money Orders**

Checks and money orders are accepted forms of payment for all transactions except cash bail bonds in criminal matters. All checks and money orders should be made payable to "Clerk, U.S. District Court." Personal and Business checks that are returned by the bank for "Insufficient Fund." "Stop Payments," etc. are subject to a \$53.00 NSF fee. Frequent return of checks for insufficient funds may result in placing the customer on a cash-only basis.