EPIC Launches Amicus Tracker

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) is pleased to announce the launch of the EPIC Amicus Tracker, a public resource designed to highlight active privacy, civil liberties, and technology cases in federal appellate and state supreme courts.

“We hope the Amicus Tracker will help other members of the privacy and civil liberties community locate new and interesting cases,” said Alan Butler, Senior Counsel at EPIC.

EPIC is a Washington, D.C.-based research organization that focuses public attention on emerging privacy and civil liberties issues. To that end, EPIC frequently files amicus curiae or “friend of the court” briefs in federal and state appellate cases that raise interesting privacy questions. EPIC hopes the Amicus Tracker will inspire others to do the same.

The Amicus Tracker is updated regularly and includes cases with upcoming briefing schedules. The Tracker provides useful information about current cases including court and docket information, along with a brief description of the case. EPIC will also link to the case docket where possible, or to the relevant lower court opinion. The Tracker will link to prior EPIC amicus briefs on similar topics.

“We want this page to serve as a central resource for everyone interested in privacy and civil liberties litigation,” said Aimee Thomson, Appellate Advocacy Counsel at EPIC.

The Amicus Tracker can be found at: https://epic.org/amicus/tracker.

The EPIC Amicus Project builds on EPIC’s extensive work participating in cases concerning emerging privacy and civil liberties issues. EPIC has filed nearly 100 amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Courts of Appeals, and state supreme courts. In recent amicus briefs EPIC has warned a federal appeals court about the safety and privacy risks of connected cars (Cahen v. Toyota Motor Corp.), defended the right of consumers to sue companies that fail to protect their personal information (In re SuperValu Customer Data Security Breach Litigation), and challenged attempts to undermine the privacy rights of video app users (Perry v. CNN). A full list of EPIC’s extensive amicus work can be found at https://epic.org/amicus/.