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Announcements

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Fee for District Court CM/ECF

The Judicial Conference approved an Internet access fee of \$.07 per page in 1998. Effective July 1, 2002, this fee was applied to district court CM/ECF systems. See below for a listing of district court CM/ECF sites. The fee has been in place for bankruptcy CM/ECF systems since July 1, 2001.

Price Reduction for Large Documents

A recent decision by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts limits the charge for a single document to 30 pages in all PACER, RACER, or CM/ECF sites. Effective April 1, 2002, the maximum charge for an imaged copy of a document obtained from the PACER system is \$2.10. Previously, a 50 page document cost \$3.50 at 7 cents a page. This same document now only costs \$2.10. Users will receive the entire 50 page document but only be charged \$2.10. This cap applies only to imaged documents. The cap does not apply to docket sheets or reports. Each attachment in CM/ECF sites is considered a separate document. Therefore, the cap will apply to each attachment over 30 pages separately.

Case Management

CM / ECF

Electronic Case Files

The federal judiciary's Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) project is designed to replace aging electronic docketing and case management systems in more than 200 bankruptcy, district and appellate courts by 2005. CM/ECF will also provide courts the capability to have case file documents in electronic format, and to accept filings over the Internet. Currently, there are 43 established CM/ECF sites, 9 district and 34 bankruptcy:

U.S. District Courts

California Northern
District of Columbia
Michigan Western
Missouri Western
Nebraska
New York Eastern
Ohio Northern
Oregon
Pennsylvania Eastern

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IMPORTANT: CM/ECF has been tested and works correctly with Netscape 4.6x, Netscape 4.7x and Internet Explorer 5.5.

U.S. Bankruptcy Courts

Alaska
Arkansas Eastern
Arkansas Western
Arizona
California Southern
Colorado
Delaware
Georgia Northern
Illinois Southern
Iowa Northern
Kentucky Eastern
Kentucky Western
Louisiana Eastern
Louisiana Middle
Maine
Missouri Western
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York Eastern
New York Southern
North Carolina Western
Ohio Northern
South Dakota
Texas Eastern
Texas Southern
Texas Western
Utah
Vermont
Virginia Eastern
Washington Western
Wisconsin Western
Wyoming

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Access to Criminal Documents

In March 2002 the Judicial Conference approved a pilot program to allow 11 selected courts to provide remote public access to criminal case documents. The charge for viewing images is \$.07 per page of the document. Prior to this decision, access to criminal files via the internet was prohibited due to safety and law enforcement issues. The courts selected to participate are:

Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit
 California Southern District Court
 District of Columbia District Court
 Florida Southern District Court
 Georgia Southern District Court
 Idaho District Court
 Illinois Northern District Court
 Massachusetts District Court
 Oklahoma Northern District Court
 Utah District Court
 West Virginia Southern District Court

The Conference also agreed to allow internet access to criminal files of high profile cases due to increased volume of requests imposed on court staff. This will be permitted only if all parties consent and the trial judge or presiding judge of an appellate panel finds that such access is warranted.

NEW PACER Websites

The following courts have recently established PACER Websites:

USBC, Southern District of Indiana
 USBC, Middle District of Tennessee
 District of Guam
 USDC, District of Nevada

See "Links to PACER Websites" at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov> for a complete listing of all PACER websites.



Billing Notes

For your convenience, the PACER Service Center accepts Discover, VISA, MasterCard, and American Express. Login to the Account Information section at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov> to pay by credit card.

The PACER Service continues to accept credit card payments by phone. Call (800) 676-6856 to pay by credit card over the phone.

Payment for balances less than \$10 will automatically be deferred until the balance is \$10 or more. No phone call is necessary.

For your protection, please do not send cash.

The next quarterly statement will be sent in October 2002 and due mid November. Please plan accordingly.

The PACER Service Center's Federal Tax Identification Number is 74-2747938.

Access to dial up PACER will generate a \$.60 per minute charge while web access will generate a \$.07 per page charge. Users will NOT incur both per minute and per page charges for a PACER session.

General Info

The PACER Service Center will be closed September 2 for Labor Day and October 14 for Columbus Day.

The PACER Service Center hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm CST.

Questions or Comments? Email pacer@psc.uscourts.gov or call (800) 676-6856.

Online Training

A demonstration and training site for PACER web applications is now available at the PACER Service Center website <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>. Click on "Sample PACER Site." Use this site to become familiar with the appellate, district, and bankruptcy applications. Please note that the data used in the training site is not real.

Password Changes

To prevent the unauthorized use of PACER accounts, the PACER Service Center recommends changing passwords every 90 days. It is possible to change passwords at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>. Click on "Account Information," then "Change Password."

Universal Login

Users of PACER on the Internet have the added convenience of a Universal Login feature. This feature allows a user to login at one PACER site on the Internet and move to other PACER sites without having to login again as long as the browser remains open. However, if the browser is closed, it will be necessary to login again. A cookie enabled browser is required for the Universal Login to work.

Image Availability

When available, images of documents filed may be viewed at many PACER websites for cases filed from 1998 to present (dates may vary). The format of the images are either TIFF, MAX, or PDF depending on the court. Required viewers may be downloaded at PACER sites. The charge for viewing images is \$.07 per page of the document. See Links at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov> for information.