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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.

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 49 established CM/ECF sites, 10 district and 39 bankruptcy:

Case Management

CM / ECF

Electronic Case Files

U.S. Bankruptcy Courts

Alaska	ecf.akb.uscourts.gov
Alabama Middle	ecf.almb.uscourts.gov
Alabama Southern	ecf.alsb.uscourts.gov
Arkansas Eastern	ecf.areb.uscourts.gov
Arkansas Western	ecf.arwb.uscourts.gov
Arizona	ecf.azb.uscourts.gov
California Southern	ecf.casb.uscourts.gov
Colorado	ecf.cob.uscourts.gov
Delaware	ecf.deb.uscourts.gov
Georgia Northern	ecf.ganb.uscourts.gov
Illinois Southern	ecf.ilsb.uscourts.gov
Indiana Northern	ecf.innb.uscourts.gov
Iowa Northern	ecf.ianb.uscourts.gov
Kentucky Eastern	ecf.kyeb.uscourts.gov
Kentucky Western	ecf.kywb.uscourts.gov
Louisiana Eastern	ecf.laeb.uscourts.gov
Louisiana Middle	ecf.lamb.uscourts.gov
Maine	ecf.meb.uscourts.gov
Missouri Western	ecf.mowb.uscourts.gov
Montana	ecf.mtb.uscourts.gov
Nebraska	ecf.neb.uscourts.gov
Nevada	ecf.nvb.uscourts.gov
New Hampshire	ecf.nhb.uscourts.gov
New Jersey	ecf.njb.uscourts.gov

New York Eastern	ecf.nyeb.uscourts.gov
New York Southern	ecf.nysb.uscourts.gov
North Carolina Western	ecf.ncwb.uscourts.gov
Ohio Northern	ecf.ohnb.uscourts.gov
Pennsylvania Western	ecf.pawb.uscourts.gov
South Dakota	ecf.sdb.uscourts.gov
Texas Eastern	ecf.txeb.uscourts.gov
Texas Southern	ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov
Texas Western	ecf.txwb.uscourts.gov
Utah	ecf.utb.uscourts.gov
Vermont	ecf.vtb.uscourts.gov
Virginia Eastern	ecf.vaeb.uscourts.gov
Washington Western	ecf.wawb.uscourts.gov
Wisconsin Western	ecf.wiwb.uscourts.gov
Wyoming	ecf.wywb.uscourts.gov

U.S. District Courts

California Northern	ecf.cand.uscourts.gov
District of Columbia	ecf.dcd.uscourts.gov
Indiana Southern	ecf.insd.uscourts.gov
Michigan Western	ecf.miw.d.uscourts.gov
Missouri Western	ecf.mow.d.uscourts.gov
Nebraska	ecf.ned.uscourts.gov
New York Eastern	ecf.nyed.uscourts.gov
Ohio Northern	ecf.ohnd.uscourts.gov
Oregon	ecf.ord.uscourts.gov
Pennsylvania Eastern	ecf.paed.uscourts.gov

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

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.

Filing Cases

Your PACER login and password will only allow access to Queries and Reports. A court assigned filing ID must be used to file a case or file documents to a case in courts offering electronic case filing. Please contact the appropriate court to obtain a filing ID. See CM/ECF information at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov> for a listing of courts offering electronic case filing.

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



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 January 2003 and due mid February. 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 October 14 for Columbus Day, November 11 for Veterans Day, November 28 for Thanksgiving Day, and December 25 for Christmas.

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

Password Security

For security reasons the PACER Service Center does not provide the login and password by phone, email, or fax. If you have forgotten your password, call or email your request. Your existing account information will be forwarded via US Mail.

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.

Problems with PACER?

In order to expedite our response to the problems identified in PACER sites we must have the following information when contacting our help desk by phone or email.

Login ID:

PACER site where problem occurred:

Type of court (i.e., District, Bankruptcy):

Description of the problem with appropriate case (if applicable). Previously answered emails are not readily available. Please include all previous correspondence (email history) with your email.