

NEW! Free PACER Training Site Available

The Judiciary has launched a new PACER training site where future users can learn how to use PACER and current users can sharpen their record-searching skills. The site includes data from real cases filed in the New York Western District Court between 01/01/2007 and 07/01/2007 so users can get a feel for the type of case data and documents available through PACER.

A “training” login and password are posted on the Welcome Page so future users can give PACER a try before registering for an account. Current users have the added convenience of using their own PACER login and password to access the PACER training site or the option to use the training login and password.

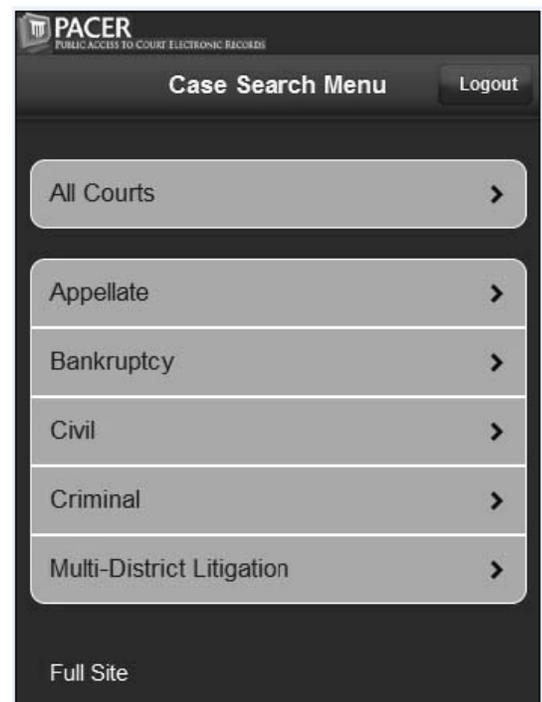
To get to the PACER training site, go to www.pacer.gov then click on “PACER Training Site” under “Frequently Used.”

There is no charge for accessing this training area.

Mobile PACER Case Locator

The Federal Judiciary has launched a new mobile web version of the PACER Case Locator. The PACER Case Locator allows searching for court records in all district, bankruptcy, and appellate courts. The Mobile PACER Case Locator is accessible using Apple devices, such as iPads, as well as Android devices version 2.2 or higher. When using supported mobile devices, users will be redirected to the Mobile PACER Case Locator when visiting pcl.uscourts.gov to search for court records on the go. The Mobile PACER Case Locator can be accessed directly by visiting pcl.uscourts.gov/searchmobile. There is nothing to install – it just works.

In addition, Appellate CM/ECF version 4.2 is the first version of CM/ECF to provide mobile PACER access. Appellate courts have the option to provide a mobile query access link to the public. This will improve a user’s ability to view appellate case information from smart phones or tablet computers.



Transition to PDF/A

The Judiciary is planning to change the technical standard for filing documents in the Case Management and Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) system from PDF to PDF/A. This change will improve the archiving and preservation of case-related documents. Courts currently accept both PDF and PDF/A documents. There is no national PDF/A cut-over date. Instead each court will set its own date when it will require that all new documents be filed in PDF/A. This change should have little or no impact on PACER users. PACER users should be able to view both PDF and PDF/A documents using their current PDF reader.

Some common questions about the change are answered at www.pacer.gov. Click on “CM/ECF to Transition to PDF/A” under “What’s New with PACER.”

Bankruptcy Noticing Changes

As of December 1, 2011, the practice of transmitting Official Form B10, Proof of Claim, through the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) by bankruptcy courts has been discontinued. Previously, bankruptcy courts transmitted the proof of claim form as an attachment to certain notices, such as B9C through B9I, to provide creditors convenient access to a paper copy of the form. However, the vast majority of claims filed were created electronically by the creditor's software or through some other electronic forms creation tool. Thus, the decision was made to discontinue mailing this form as a cost savings measure. An Official Form B10 may be obtained for printing at the Federal Judiciary's site www.uscourts.gov. Select "Forms & Fees" to find "Bankruptcy Forms."

PACER Billing Page

Have you ever wondered if your PACER payment could be automatically billed to your credit card? Would you like to know how to receive a notice of billing via email? A visit to the PACER billing page will answer these questions and more. This page provides information on ways to make it easier to manage your quarterly billing and usage. You can access the page at www.pacer.gov/billing to review a sample invoice or obtain information on a variety of billing topics including:

- ◆ Tracking usage monthly
- ◆ Access to invoices or statements for the past 24 months
- ◆ Online payments using a credit card
- ◆ Frequently Asked Questions
- ◆ Access to forms pertaining to PACER billing
- ◆ Paperless Billing Option (Recommended)

Password Changes

Has an employee left your firm? Don't forget to change your password. To prevent the unauthorized use of PACER accounts, the PACER Service Center recommends changing passwords every 90 days. You can change passwords at www.pacer.gov. Select "Manage My PACER Account." After logging in, select "Change Password."

General Information

The PACER Service Center hours of operation are 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Central time, Monday through Friday. In 2012, the service center will be closed for Federal holidays including January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, February 20 for President's Day, May 28 for Memorial Day, July 4 for Independence Day, September 3 for Labor Day, October 8 for Columbus Day, November 12 for Veterans Day, November 22 for Thanksgiving, and December 25 for Christmas.

PACER Policy Reminder

Public Access to Court Electronic Records is supported by user fees. Any attempt to collect data from PACER in a manner which avoids billing is strictly prohibited and may result in criminal prosecution or civil action. PACER privileges will be terminated if, in the judgment of judiciary personnel, they are being misused. Misuse includes, but is not limited to, using an automated process to repeatedly access those portions of the PACER application that do not assess a fee (i.e. calendar events report or case header information) for purposes of collecting case information.

Billing Information

- ◆ The PACER Service Center accepts Discover, VISA, MasterCard, and American Express. Login to "Manage My PACER Account" at www.pacer.gov to pay by credit card.
- ◆ The PACER Service Center's Federal Tax ID Number is 74-2747938.
- ◆ A fee of \$45 will be assessed if a check is returned for insufficient funds.
- ◆ Receipts for the most recent payment made to a PACER account can be accessed online. Login to "Manage My PACER Account" at www.pacer.gov then select "Check Balance."
- ◆ Accounts with credit cards on file will be autobilled up to 7 days prior to the due date.