

# ***CM/ECF***

## ***Release Notes***

**PACER Changes**

**Appellate Release 3.0**  
**November 2009**

**Updated July 2010 for Release 3.2**

## Public Access Changes for PACER Users

### 1.1 New Description Column for Orders/Judgments Report

An update was made to the Order Selection Page on the Orders/Judgments report to include a new Description column. The new column displays the docket entry text for the order, judgment, or opinion that was filed.

Order Selection Page					
Case Number	PDF	Filed Date	Entry Date	Type	Description
<a href="#">07-5125 Isaac Holland v. Joseph Turner</a> <a href="#">07-3151 Isaac Holland v. Joseph Turner</a> <a href="#">07-3153 n v. Gresham Pollard, et al</a>		03/17/2009	03/17/2009 18:31:46	Order	Clerk ORDER filed granting to dismiss case [07-5125, 07-3151, 07-3153]
<a href="#">79-8966 Blake Lewis v. Jordan Sparks, et al</a> <a href="#">08-53003 Smith v. Alexis Grace</a>		03/17/2009	03/17/2009 18:32:45	Judgment	Judgment filed by Honorable Michael R. Montague deferring motion [6016423-2] to appointment of counsel. [79-8966]
<a href="#">79-8966 Blake Lewis v. Jordan Sparks, et al</a> <a href="#">08-53003 Smith v. Alexis Grace</a>		03/17/2009	03/17/2009 18:33:40	Opinion	OPINION filed denying permission for appeal. [79-8966]

### 1.2 New Briefs Report

A new Briefs report is available on the header menu in PACER. The Brief Activity report allows a PACER user to search for briefs that were filed/ entered or altered between certain date ranges. PACER fees are incurred for the report search results and for the links to the brief documents.

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Briefs Selection Page				
Entry Date Last Updated	Filed Date	Case Number	Link to Brief	Type of Brief
04/29/2009 15:14:08	04/29/2009	<a href="#">09-8566</a> <a href="#">09-4560</a>		Briefing letter sent
04/29/2009 15:12:47	04/29/2009	<a href="#">09-8566</a> <a href="#">09-4560</a>		Apet Brief
04/29/2009 12:51:10	04/29/2009	<a href="#">09-4560</a> <a href="#">09-8566</a>		Brief filed
04/29/2009 12:45:18	04/29/2009	<a href="#">09-4560</a> <a href="#">09-8566</a>		Briefing letter sent
04/23/2009 6:57:30 04/28/2009 16:57:56	04/21/2009	<a href="#">09-4560</a>		Apet Brief
04/28/2009 16:55:54	04/28/2009	<a href="#">09-4560</a>		Appelle Brief

**Note:**

\* Click on Case No. to get Case Summary

### 1.3 New Court Information Link

A new Court Information report is available on the header menu in PACER and displays helpful court information to the public, such as court address, court phone number, court hours of operation, etc. The new report link will also display on the PACER Web Links page for each circuit.

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## Court Information

Court Details	
Court Name	Administrative Office of the United States
Software Version	CM/ECF Appellate 3.0
Maximum PDF File Size	1 MB

  

Court Locations	
Court Name	<b>Administrative Office of the United States</b>
Court Address	One Columbus Circle NE, Washington, DC 20544
Court Email Address	John_Smith@ao.uscourts.gov

  

Pacer Details	
Pacer Address	PACER Service Center, PO Box 780549, San Antonio, TX 78278-0559
Pacer Phone Number	800-676-6856 or 210-301-6440 (if residing in the San Antonio area)
Pacer Email Address	pacер@psc.uscourts.gov

## 1.4 New Search Criteria

New search criteria was added to the Advanced Search page to allow a PACER user to search on a date range for when docket activity was filed. The new search label is “Docket Activity Between” and is available when the user selects the Advanced Search link.

In addition, a new search feature is available for exact match searches based on party and attorney names. A new checkbox labeled, ‘Exact Matches Only’, is available to perform an exact match search on one or more characters so that users do not have to pay for the possible additional matches that the implied wildcard character returns.

Case Number/Range:

Party/Attorney:  Party *Last, First*   **Exact Matches Only**  
 Attorney

Case types:

Origin:

Cases Filed Between:

Cases Closed Between:

**Docket Activity Between:**

Nature of Suit:

Sort by:   Ascending order  
 Descending order

Open Cases  Closed Cases  Both

## Summary of 3.2 Enhancements

### 1.5 PACER Interface Improvements

The look-and-feel of the PACER interface was improved for the 3.2 release. No functional changes were made.

Some of the key highlights include the following updates:

- New CM/ECF blue top menu header that includes CM/ECF logo.
- Billing History and Contact Us links, which previously displayed at the top menu bar, now display in a consistent menu bar at the bottom of the page.
- Changed and updated font to be consistent across all pages.
- Case Selection and Case Query pages include improved table formatting so that even if no information displays in a particular cell, the cell is still formatted with a border.



**Case Search**

Case Number / Range:   (yy-nnnn or yy-nnnnn)

Party / Attorney:  (Last, First)

Party  Attorney  Exact Matches Only

[Advanced Search](#)

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