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Announcements

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Courts of Appeals and CM/ECF

Most U.S. Courts of Appeals have implemented CM/ECF. The remaining courts, including the Second and Eleventh Circuits, are scheduled to go live later in 2009. E-filing capabilities have been implemented in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Circuits only. Information regarding a particular court's filing requirements may be available at the court's website. The Bankruptcy Appellate Panels in the First, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Circuits have also implemented CM/ECF.

The Appellate ECF Filer Registration form is available at the PACER Service Center website pacer.uscourts.gov. Appellate CM/ECF Computer-Based Training Modules demonstrating CM/ECF, PACER reports, and document filing functionality are also available at pacer.uscourts.gov. Click on the "CM/ECF Information" icon. Next, select "Training," then "Appellate."

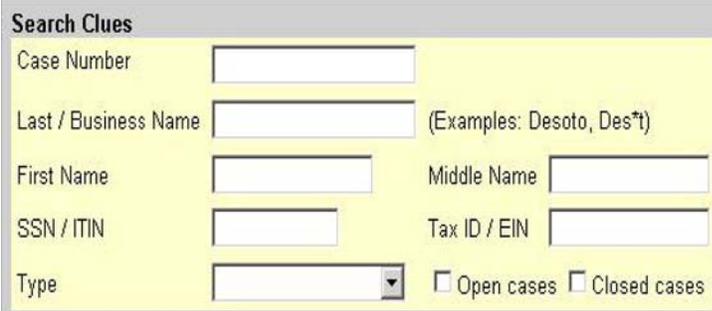
The latest version of Java is required to access the CM/ECF Appellate application, to e-file, or to view case information. This can be downloaded at www.java.com at no charge.

New Functionality in District & Bankruptcy CM/ECF

CM/ECF District version 4.0 includes a number of changes requested by PACER users. One is the option to search for a case using a combination of case status, filed date, last entry date, nature of suit, cause of action, party name and type. Another notable feature is an RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed, which provides users with the ability to request automatic notification of case activity with links to docket sheets and documents. The "Court Information" report, as shown in the sample below, includes an RSS feed containing the most recent 100 docket entries. These options are now being made available by some District Courts that have installed version 4.0.

Court Information

Court Details	
Court's Name	Administrative Office of the US Courts (td4d)
Software Version	CM/ECF-DC V4.0
ECF Go Live Date	01/01/2002
Maximum PDF File Size	15 MB
Maximum Merge Document Size	20 MB
RSS Feed	 Last 100 entries - Internet
Docket entries of type:	motion



Search Clues

Case Number

Last / Business Name (Examples: Desoto, Des*t)

First Name Middle Name

SSN / ITIN Tax ID / EIN

Type Open cases Closed cases

Several new features are included in CM/ECF Bankruptcy version 3.3, released earlier this year. Search criteria now includes check boxes for Open and Closed cases as shown in the sample above. Another change is the inclusion of the joint debtor's disposition, discharged date, and dismissed date in the Cases Report. A list of new output fields for the "data only" report is available on pages 2 and 3 in the BK v. 3.3 Release Notes at pacer.uscourts.gov. For a complete listing of changes, see "CM/ECF Release Notes" under "Featured Links" at pacer.uscourts.gov.

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The latest version of the PACER User Manual is available at no charge under the Documents section at the PACER Service Center website pacer.uscourts.gov.

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