

Accessing the System – NextGen CM/ECF and PACER

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The Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (NextGen CM/ECF) allows courts to accept electronically filed documents and provides access to filed documents on-line. The Federal Judiciary has developed a next generation (NextGen) CM/ECF system functionality that allows you to use the same account for both PACER and electronic filing access.

Apply for e-file registration in each court individually. Once you complete a registration in one court, you may register to e-file in another court. The same username and password will allow nationwide search access and e-file access in the NextGen CM/ECF courts in which you are registered as an e-filer.

Wait for reply from court on whether the registration has been accepted. Processing time for e-file registration can vary from court to court. Once your request is processed, you will receive an email notification of the court's determination.

District and Bankruptcy Court E-File Registration

Registration for district and bankruptcy ECF is separate from and in addition to PACER registration. PACER allows you to view docket reports and documents from a court's database, while ECF registration allows you to e-file. When you register for a filer account, you must already have a PACER account. Each district and bankruptcy court handles filer registrations individually. To register for filing privileges in one of these courts, you must contact that court directly.

PACER account specialists are available to assist you at (800) 676-6856 between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM CT Monday through Friday, or by email at pacer@psc.uscourts.gov.
