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Announcements

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## Courts of Appeals and CM/ECF

The U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and DC Circuits and the Bankruptcy Appellate Panels in the First, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Circuits have implemented CM/ECF. E-filing capabilities have been implemented in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth and Ninth Circuits only. E-filing is mandatory (unless granted an exemption) in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fourth, Sixth, and Eighth Circuits. Effective January 2, 2009, e-filing will become mandatory in the Ninth Circuit. The remaining U.S. Courts of Appeals are scheduled to implement CM/ECF or add e-filing capabilities in 2009. Information regarding a particular court's implementation date may be available at the court's website.

To become an appellate CM/ECF filer, the filer registration form must be completed at the PACER Service Center website [pacer.psc.uscourts.gov](http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov). Electronic Learning modules demonstrating CM/ECF, PACER reports, and document filing are available at [www.ca4.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca4.uscourts.gov), [www.ca6.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca6.uscourts.gov) and [www.ca8.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca8.uscourts.gov).

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](http://www.java.com) at no charge.

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## Functionality in Appellate CM/ECF

CM/ECF Appellate version 2.1 features time saving enhancements such as an option to download multiple documents at one time and hyperlinks added for quick access to associated and originating cases. For a complete listing of changes, see "CM/ECF Release Notes" under "Featured Links" at [pacer.psc.uscourts.gov](http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov).

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## PACER Service Center Website Enhancements

The PACER Service Center website now provides U.S. District Court and U.S. Bankruptcy Court information, such as the version of CM/ECF currently in use at each court, case flag descriptions, mailing address, and phone number. To access the information, select "Links to PACER Web Sites" and click on the "Court Info" icon as reflected in the example below.

 New Jersey District Court - **CM/ECF-DC V3.2.2** 

Another feature added is an RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed that will allow customers to easily monitor changes to information posted at the PACER Service Center website. To get updates delivered to your desktop click on the "RSS Feed" icon  at [pacer.psc.uscourts.gov](http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov). Click on the link "About RSS" for more information regarding the RSS process.

### [Release Notes for Appellate CM/ECF Version 2.1 are Now Available](#)

Public access Release Notes for Appellate CM/ECF version 2.1 have been posted to the PACER Service Center website.

### [Appellate ECF Filer Registration for U.S. Court of Appeals - Tenth Circuit is Now Available](#)

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit is now accepting registrations for filing privileges.

### [WYOMING DISTRICT COURT CM/ECF New Release](#)

WYOMING DISTRICT COURT CM/ECF Release Number has been upgraded from CM/ECF-DC V3.2.1 to CM/ECF-DC V3.2.2

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## General Information

The PACER Service Center hours of operation are 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Central Time, Monday through Friday and is closed for Federal holidays. Holidays for which the PACER Service Center will be closed are January 19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, February 16 for President's Day, May 25 for Memorial Day, July 3 for Independence Day, September 7 for Labor Day, October 12 for Columbus Day, November 11 for Veteran's Day, November 26 for Thanksgiving, and December 25 for Christmas.

Questions or Comments regarding information in the announcement?  
Email [pacer@psc.uscourts.gov](mailto:pacer@psc.uscourts.gov) or call (800) 676-6856.

The newest version of the PACER User Manual is available at no charge under the Documents section at the PACER Service Center website [pacer.psc.uscourts.gov](http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov).

## Functionality in Bankruptcy CM/ECF

CM/ECF Bankruptcy version 3.2 includes the enhancements listed below. For a complete listing of changes, see "CM/ECF Release Notes" under "Featured Links" at [pacer.psc.uscourts.gov](http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov).

### Transcripts

This release implements the Judicial Conference policy to make electronic transcripts of federal court proceedings, once ordered by a party or the court, available in PACER 90 days after the transcript has been produced and delivered to the court by the court reporter. During the 90-day period, the transcript may be viewed (but not printed) at a public terminal at the court or it may be purchased from the court reporter. A docket entry, such as the example shown below, will provide information on how to contact the court reporter or transcriber. Once available in PACER, there is a charge of \$.08 per page for the electronic transcripts; the 30-page fee limit does not apply to transcripts of federal court proceedings.

01/14/2008	18	Transcript regarding hearing held 11/15/07 RE: Motion. THIS TRANSCRIPT WILL BE MADE ELECTRONICALLY AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF FILING (01/14/2008), TRANSCRIPT RELEASE DATE IS 04/14/2008. Until that time the transcript may be viewed at the Bankruptcy Court or a copy may be obtained from the official court transcriber. Court Reporter/Transcriber Baxter, T, Telephone number 555-123-4567. Tape Number: 456. (RE: related document(s) 15 Hearing Held Filed by Sampson, Lynn). Notice of Intent to Request Redaction Deadline Due By 01/22/2008. Redaction Request Due By 02/04/2008. Redacted Transcript Submission Due By 02/14/2008. Transcript Access will be restricted through 04/14/2008. (Transcriber, L) (Entered: 01/14/2008)
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### Centralized Billing

This feature provides real-time billing transaction details. To access the information, click on "Review Billing History" under the Utilities option in CM/ECF. This will open a window to the PACER Service Center's "Billing History Report" web page.

CM/ECF District version 3.2 includes Transcript availability. Centralized Billing will be included in District version 4.0 that is scheduled for release in early Spring 2009.

## Billing Information

- ◆ The PACER Service Center accepts Discover, VISA, MasterCard, and American Express. Login to the Account Information section at [pacer.psc.uscourts.gov](http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov) to pay by credit card.
- ◆ Payment for balances less than \$10 will automatically be deferred until the balance is \$10 or more. No phone call is necessary.
- ◆ The PACER Service Center's Federal Tax ID Number is 74-2747938.
- ◆ Effective April 1, 2004 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 now be accessed online. Login to the Account Information section at [pacer.psc.uscourts.gov](http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov) then select "Check Account Balance."

## 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 [pacer.psc.uscourts.gov](http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov). Click on "Account Information," then "Change Password."