

Major Features ECF 6.1 Upgrade

JOINT FILINGS

Attorneys no longer have access to pick all filers to a joint pleading.

Any party for which an attorney is not listed as counsel of record will not be available for selection.

PACER

Two new links were added to allow PACER users to access other courts and the PACER Case Locator from within CM/ECF (found in Utilities).

NOTE: In order for this to work properly, a user must be logged in with a PACER login or have the PACER login connected to the CM/ECF login.

- “Links to Other Courts” allows users to directly connect with other district courts without navigating to a new webpage.
 - “PACER Case Locator (National Index)” directs the user to the PACER Case Locator on the PACER Service Center website.
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QUERY

Users may run queries with a question mark (?) or an asterisk (*) as the first character, or a question mark (?) between characters for last name searches. Each instance of a question mark is treated as a single wild card character.

- When a question mark (?) or an asterisk (*) is in the first position of the search string, two non-special characters must be placed in the second and third positions (?AB, *AB).
 - When a question mark (?) is in the second position of the search string, a non-special character must be placed in the third position (A?B). (Useful for company names that are acronyms and may have been entered with or without spaces.)
 - Users will also receive results when running queries for party names that contain a pound sign (#) as part of the name. Searches will yield results when only the last name of a hyphenated name is known and a leading asterisk character is used as a wild card.
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MOBILE QUERY

The mobile PACER Case Locator (PCL) provided by the PACER service center is now linked to the District CM/ECF application. It is optimized for display on mobile devices: iPad, iPhone and Android devices V2.2 or higher.

The mobile query interface offers a simplified user experience optimized for display on mobile devices. This interface incorporates the following functions:

- Search interface;
 - Party selection from party name search result list;
 - Case selection from case search result list based on case or party name search;
 - Attorney information for selected case;
 - Party information for selected case;
 - Deadlines/Hearings for selected case;
 - Docket entries for selected case.
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