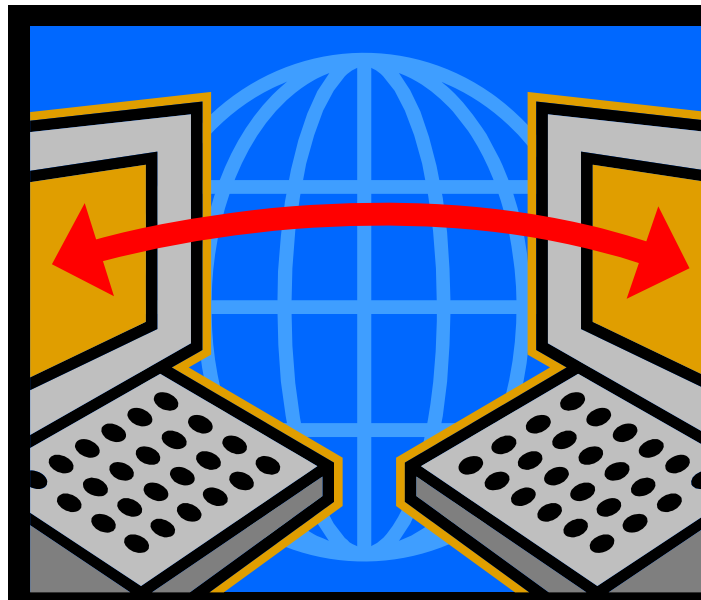


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CM/ECF Civil and Criminal Administrative Procedures Manual and Users Guide

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Getting Started

Introduction

This manual provides procedures and instructions for using the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system to file documents with the court or to view and retrieve docket sheets and documents for civil, criminal, and miscellaneous cases in the system. The user should have a working knowledge of a CM/ECF-compatible web browser and Adobe Acrobat, or equivalent software, for creating and reading Portable Document files (PDF).

Help Desk

If you need assistance using CM/ECF, you may contact the Court's Help Desk at 1-800-466-9302 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Definitions

The following definitions are used throughout this Manual:

- A. **CM/ECF (Case Management/Electronic Case Files)**. The court's automated system that receives and stores documents filed in electronic form. The program is part of the CM/ECF software developed for the Federal Judiciary by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.
- B. **User**. Individual who has a court-issued login and password to file documents electronically.
- C. **Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF)**. A notice automatically generated by CM/ECF at the time a document is filed with the system. This is the official receipt for the document filing. The NEF sets forth the time of filing, the name of the party and attorney filing the document, the type of document, the text of the docket entry, the name of the party and/or attorney receiving the notice and includes an electronic link (hyperlink) to the filed document which allows recipients to retrieve the document automatically.
- D. **PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records)**. An automated system that allows users to view, print and download court docket information over the internet. You may be charged a fee to access documents, docket sheets, query information, etc. from CM/ECF.

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- E. **PDF (Portable Document Format)**. There are two types of PDF documents:

Electronically converted PDF documents: Created from word processing documents (Word, etc.) using Adobe Acrobat or similar software. Electronically converted PDF documents are text searchable and their file size is small.

Scanned image PDF documents: Created from paper documents which have been optically scanned. Scanned image PDFs are not searchable and have a large file size.

- F. **Proposed Order**: A draft document submitted by an attorney for a judge's approval. A proposed order should not be attached to a motion or other request for relief as an electronic attachment to the document. Proposed Orders should be e-mailed to the judge's courtroom deputy in Word format.
- G. **Document**: Any pleading, motion, brief, memoranda, exhibit, certification, declaration, affidavit, paper, order, notice, and any other filing by or to the court.
- H. **Technical Failure**: A malfunction of court owned/leased hardware, software, and/or telecommunications which results in the inability of a Filing User to submit a filing electronically. Technical failure does not include the malfunctioning of a user's equipment.
- I. **Paper Filing**: Submitting a document in hard copy on paper.
- J. **Pay.gov**: An electronic credit card/direct debit payment system established by the United States Department of Treasury.

CM/ECF System Capabilities

A user with a PACER account, a CM/ECF-compatible web browser, Adobe Acrobat or equivalent software, and access to the Internet can use the court's CM/ECF system to perform the following functions:

- Access the Court's web page.
- View or download the most recent version of the User's Manual.
- View, download or print court files from your desktop.
- Electronically file cases, pleadings, and documents 24 hours a day.
- Receive instant notification of filed documents via your e-mail system.
- View various reports (*e.g.*, Docket Report, Cases Filed Report, Calendar Report).

Requirements

Hardware and Software Requirements

The minimum hardware and software needed to electronically file, view, and retrieve case documents are as follows:

- A personal computer running a standard platform such as Microsoft Windows or Macintosh.
- An Internet provider using Point to Point Protocol (PPP). For best results, use high speed (broadband) Internet. Dial up access is not recommended.
- Recent versions of Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, and Safari are supported. Other browsers are not supported but may work.
- PDF creation software to convert a word processing or scanned document into PDF format.
- PDF reader, such as Adobe Acrobat Reader, to view PDF documents.
- A scanner to convert documents to electronic (PDF) format that cannot be converted from word processing software. **Note: Scanning should only be used for documents that cannot be produced electronically. Scanned documents typically lessen the quality of the document, as well as lessen the level of service we provide by slowing down the entire system.**

PACER Registration

Users must have a PACER account to use the Query and Report features of the CM/ECF system. PACER accounts are universal, and a separate account is not needed for each individual court. If you do not have a PACER login, contact the PACER Service Center at (800) 676-6856 or (210) 301-6440 to register for an account or for additional information. You may also register for a PACER account online at www.pacer.gov.

Note: Your PACER login and password are different from your CM/ECF login and password. You must have a PACER account to retrieve, view, and print certain documents. You will be charged a fee to access documents, docket sheets, query information, etc. From CM/ECF.

Registering for Access to CM/ECF

The WDMO utilizes the Next Generation (NextGen) version of the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing System (CM/ECF). NextGen uses Central Sign-On, a login process which allows e-filing attorneys to use one PACER login and password to access any NextGen court (district, appellate, and bankruptcy) in which they practice.

Participants who have never used the system will need to register with the Court to obtain a login and password for the CM/ECF system. Each attorney admitted to practice in this Court and currently in good standing, or a visiting attorney admitted Pro Hac Vice, shall be entitled to a CM/ECF account to permit the attorney to participate in electronic filing and document retrieval in accordance with CM/ECF. Exceptions to this requirement are out-of-state attorneys who represent a party in an action transferred to the Western District of Missouri pursuant to an Order issued by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.¹

Attorneys must obtain their own PACER account. Your PACER account is your login to CM/ECF, and therefore you **MUST** have your own individual PACER account. E-filing attorneys are not permitted to use shared PACER accounts. Click [HERE](#) for more information regarding how to upgrade your existing PACER account, or how to register for a new PACER account. After upgrading or obtaining your PACER account, you must then link your PACER account to your current CM/ECF account. Linking instructions can be found by clicking [HERE](#), selecting the PACER drop-down, and then selecting the Linking PACER Account to NextGen drop-down.

Once an account has been established, your login and password will be sent to you by the Office of the Clerk by regular, first-class mail.

Preparation

Portable Document Format (PDF)

Only documents in PDF format may be filed with the Court using the Court's CM/ECF System. The PDF Reader and Writer programs are not bundled together. The conversion process requires a PDF conversion software, such as Adobe Acrobat Writer or a similar software.² Before filing a document with the Court, users should preview the PDF formatted document to ensure that it appears in its entirety and that it is in the proper format.

Setting Up the PDF Reader

Adobe's free Acrobat Reader software must be installed in order to view PDF documents that have been electronically filed on CM/ECF. The current version of Adobe Acrobat Reader can be downloaded free from: www.adobe.com. When installing this product, please review and follow the provider's directions to utilize the PDF reader after installation.

How to View a PDF File

- Open the Adobe Acrobat Reader program.
- Go to the **File** menu and choose **Open**.
- Click on the location and file name of the PDF document to be viewed.

¹ Pursuant to the General Rules of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, any attorney of record in an action transferred under Section 1407 may continue to represent his or her client in any district court of the United States to which such an action is transferred; therefore, parties are not required to obtain local counsel in the district to which such an action is transferred.

² The Federal Judiciary does not endorse any specific software.

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- If the designated location is correct, and the file is in PDF format, Adobe Acrobat Reader loads the file and displays it on the screen.
 - If the displayed document is larger than the screen or consists of multiple pages, use the scroll bars to move through the document.
 - Click the **View** menu for other options for viewing the displayed document. Choose the option that is most appropriate for the document.

Documents Filed in Error

A document incorrectly filed in a case may be the result of:

- selecting the wrong PDF file(s) during the filing process;
- selecting the wrong document event from the CM/ECF menu; or
- entering the wrong case number and not discovering the error before completing the transaction.

Once a document is electronically filed it becomes part of the electronic case file. CM/ECF will not permit the filing party to make any changes once the transaction is accepted.

To request a correction, please call the Help Desk at 1-800-466-9302 or email dchelp@mow.uscourts.gov as soon as possible after an error is discovered. You will need to provide the case number and document number for the document requiring correction. You will be advised if you need to re-file the document. If appropriate, the Court will make an entry indicating that the document was filed in error. The CM/ECF system does not permit you to change the misfiled document(s) or incorrect docket entry after the transaction has been accepted.

Note: All documents filed in CM/ECF are instantly noticed to all case participants and the Court via e-mail – this includes documents filed in error. Please check your filing thoroughly before submitting.

Signatures: Affidavits of Service

1. **Civil cases:** Documents that must bear original signatures or require either verification or an unsworn declaration under any rule or statute, shall be filed electronically with originally executed copies maintained by the filer for two (2) years after final resolution of the action, including final disposition of all appeals. The pleading or other document electronically filed shall indicate a signature, e.g., “s/Jane Doe”.
2. **Criminal cases:** Certain documents that must contain original signatures other than those of a participating attorney or which require either verification or an unsworn declaration under any rule or statute, shall be filed in paper and maintained in the Clerk’s Office.

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3. In the case of a stipulation or other document to be signed by two or more persons, the following procedure should be used:
 - (a) The filing party or attorney shall initially confirm that the content of the document is acceptable to all persons required to sign the document.
 - (b) The filing party or attorney then shall file the document electronically, indicating the signatories, e.g., “s/Jane Doe,” “s/John Doe,” etc.
 - (c) If any attorney challenges the alleged endorsement of a jointly filed document, the attorney has 12 days in which to assert that challenge to the court.

Filing a Civil Case – Online Case Opening

Attorneys are responsible for opening their cases and filing the case initiating document online. Cases can be filed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Instructions for opening a case online can be found in the [Opening A Civil Case](#) section of this guide. A Guide to Online Case Opening and an electronic learning module for online case opening can also be found on the Western District of Missouri’s [District Court CM/ECF Training & Materials](#) web page.

Prior to opening a new case, counsel must complete the Civil Cover Sheet (JS-44c) using the Western District of Missouri’s online [Civil Cover Sheet](#). The Civil Cover Sheet contains all the information needed to open a new case. Once the case is opened, the Civil Cover Sheet must be submitted in PDF format as an attachment to the complaint or notice of removal.

Note: Please contact the Clerk’s Office to file a Qui Tam (False Claim) case, Application for Stay of Execution, or sealed case.

If you are filing a Motion to Vacate (2255 Motion), please contact the CM/ECF Help Line at 1-800-466-9302 for additional instructions.

A CM/ECF login and password are required to complete online case opening. If you do not have a CM/ECF login and password, please contact the CM/ECF Help Line at 1-800-466-9302 between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, for filing instructions.

You **must** file your case initiating document immediately after the case has been opened.

Payment by credit card, debit card or bank account is made online during the filing of the complaint or notice of removal.

Filing Sealed Cases

Users should contact the court for information on filing sealed cases or filing documents in sealed cases.

Summons

Fillable summons forms are available under the [District Forms](#) section of our website. An *E-Mail Summons to be Issued* option is available on the Civil CM/ECF menu to assist you in submitting summonses to the court.



Select a division from the options presented on the following screen. A summons can be issued by any of the three offices.



Once the selection has been made, the user's e-mail program will open and populate the e-mail address for the office selected. Complete the e-mail by including the case number and attaching the completed summons to be issued.

If your system does not allow you to e-mail a summons from CM/ECF, the completed summons should be e-mailed in PDF format to **one** of the following:

Office	E-mail Address
Kansas City	kcgen@mow.uscourts.gov
Springfield	spfdgen@mow.uscourts.gov
Jefferson City	jcgen@mow.uscourts.gov

Once the complaint has been electronically filed, the Court will affix an electronic seal to the summons and e-mail them back to the requesting party for service. Summons can also be brought to the Clerk's Office and issued at that time.

Filing Sealed Documents and Proposed Documents

Sealed Documents

Sealed documents are to be filed in CM/ECF, with access restricted to the Judge and authorized staff, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Unless they are being filed pursuant to a previously entered Protective Order, users wishing to file sealed documents must seek permission from the Court to file the document.

If a user wishes to file a sealed document, they should first file a **Motion for Leave to File Document Under Seal** and indicate that they are wishing to file a document under seal and the reason they are making the request. The proposed sealed document, along with a proposed order should be e-mailed to the courtroom deputy assigned to the judge from whom you are seeking

leave. **Do not** attach the proposed sealed document to the Motion for Leave to File. The document **will not** be sealed without intervention by a court employee.

If leave to file a sealed document is granted, the user should file the document using the corresponding sealed document event, i.e., **Motion for Order (Sealed), Suggestions in Support (Sealed), Suggestions in Opposition (Sealed)**, etc.

CM/ECF will send notification of a sealed document to all parties, but the document cannot be accessed by counsel, so you MUST mail opposing counsel a copy.

NOTE: When filing your document, please make sure that you use the (Sealed) event so that your document and all attachments are sealed. Pay close attention when providing a description of the sealed document and attachments – do not include information intended to be sealed. The docket entry is displayed to the public even though the sealed document is not.

Proposed Documents

If the document you wish to file requires leave of court, such as an amended complaint or a document to be filed out of time, the proposed document shall be attached as an exhibit to the motion. If your motion is granted, the order will direct you to electronically file your document.

Proposed **sealed** documents are exceptions to this policy. **Do not** attach a document for which you seek leave to file under seal as an attachment to a document. The document **will not** be sealed without intervention by a court employee. Proposed sealed documents should be **e-mailed** to the courtroom deputy assigned to the judge from whom you are seeking leave to file under seal. The e-mailing of the proposed sealed document should be preceded by the filing of a motion for leave to file under seal.


Another exception to this policy is **Proposed Scheduling Orders**. Unlike proposed orders, proposed scheduling orders should be electronically filed and **should not** contain a signature line for the presiding judge. The proposed scheduling order **should** include the electronic signature of both the filing and opposing counsel. The non-filing party has 12 days from the filing of the proposed scheduling order to challenge their alleged agreement to the substance of the submission.

Submitting a Proposed Order

A document that is submitted in PDF format cannot be modified. Therefore, a proposed order must be submitted to the Court in Word format. All proposed orders must be e-mailed to the courtroom deputy for the presiding judge in the case in Word format which is available in most word processing software.

An option, *E-Mail Proposed Order*, is available on the Civil and Criminal CM/ECF menus to assist you in sending proposed orders to the court.

E-Mail the Court
[E-Mail Proposed Order](#)
[E-Mail Summons to be Issued](#)



From the following screen, select the judge to whom the case is assigned.

E-Mail Proposed Order		
District Judges	Magistrate Judges	Prisoner Pro Se
Judge Gregory Kays	Judge David P. Rush	Prisoner Pro Se
Judge Gary A. Fenner	Judge Willie J. Epps, Jr.	
Judge Beth Phillips	Judge Lajuana M. Counts	
Judge Brian C. Wimes (Civil Cases)	Judge Jill A. Morris	
Judge Brian C. Wimes (Criminal Cases)	Judge W. Brian Gaddy	
Judge M. Douglas Harpool	Judge James C. England	
Judge Stephen R. Bough	Judge Robert E. Larsen	
Judge Roseann A. Ketchmark	Judge Sarah W. Hays	
Judge Howard F. Sachs (Even Numbered Civil Cases)	Judge John T. Maughmer	
Judge Howard F. Sachs (Odd Numbered Civil Cases)		
Judge Howard F. Sachs (Criminal Cases)		
Judge Nanette K. Laughrey		
Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr.		

Once the selection has been made, the user's e-mail program will open and populate the appropriate e-mail address. Complete the e-mail by including the case number and attaching the proposed order.

If your system does not allow you to e-mail proposed orders from CM/ECF, attach your proposed order to an e-mail and send it to the appropriate courtroom deputy.

A listing of current Courtroom Deputies and Chambers contact information can be found by clicking on the appropriate Judge on the [WDMO's District Court Judges web page](#).

Privacy Notice

All documents are filed electronically and are available on the Court's website, except for large exhibit attachments, sealed cases, and Social Security cases. Any subscriber to CM/ECF and/or PACER will be able to read, download, store, and print the full content of unrestricted electronically filed documents.

Some exhibit attachments are being maintained in paper only and will be available in the Clerk's Office. The Clerk's Office will not make electronically available documents that have been sealed or otherwise restricted by court order. Attorneys of record in a case are given one free access to view each electronic document. For additional access opportunities and for other interested viewers, there are charges associated with case access and the requirement of a PACER password.

You should not include sensitive information in any document filed with the Court unless such inclusion is necessary and relevant to the case. You must remember that any personal information not otherwise protected will be made available over the Internet via CM/ECF and/or PACER. If sensitive information must be included, the following personal data identifiers must be partially redacted from the pleading, whether it is filed traditionally or electronically:

- a. **Social Security numbers.** If an individual's social security number must be included in a pleading, only the last four digits of that number should be used.
- b. **Names of minor children.** If the involvement of a minor child must be mentioned, only the initials of that child should be used.
- c. **Dates of birth.** If an individual's date of birth must be included in a pleading, only the year should be used.

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- d. **Financial account numbers.** If financial account numbers are relevant, only the last four digits of these numbers should be used.
 - e. **Home addresses.** If a home address must be included, only the city and state should be listed. (This applies to criminal case documents only.)

In compliance with the E-Government Act of 2002, a party wishing to file a document containing the personal data identifiers specified above may file an unredacted document under seal. You are asked to do so only if you believe maintenance of the unredacted material in the court file is critical to your case. In addition, you must electronically file a redacted copy for the public file, absent order of the Court.

You are advised to exercise caution when filing documents that contain the following:

- 1) Personal identifying numbers, such as a driver's license number;
- 2) medical records, treatment and diagnosis;
- 3) employment history;
- 4) individual financial information; and
- 5) proprietary or trade secret information.

Counsel is strongly urged to share this notice with all clients so that an informed decision about the inclusion of certain materials may be made. If a redacted document is filed, it is the sole responsibility of counsel and the parties to be sure that the redaction of personal identifiers is done. ***The Clerk's Office will not review pleadings for redaction.***

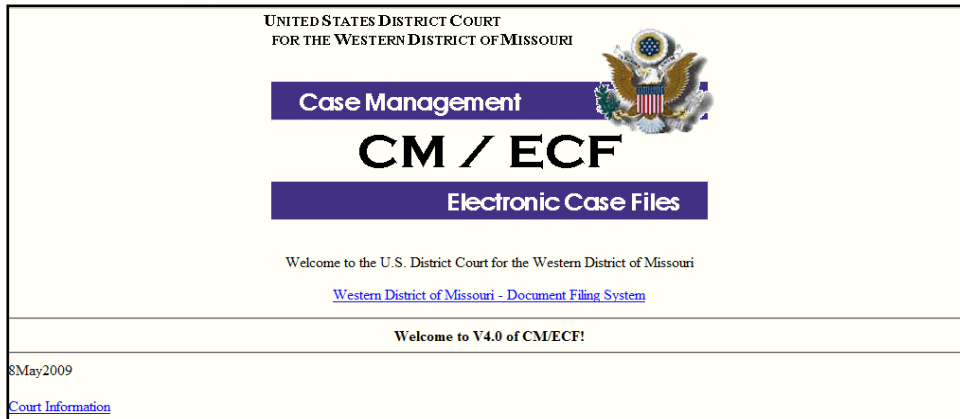
SPECIAL NOTICE TO PARTIES/ATTORNEYS IN SOCIAL SECURITY CASES

It is your responsibility to provide the U.S. Attorneys' office with the social security number of the plaintiff upon the filing of a new social security case. You may e-mail Kathleen James at Kathleen.James@usdoj.gov OR you may call her at 816-426-4303 with this information.

Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF)

How to Access CM/ECF

Users can access the CM/ECF system via the Internet by going to <http://ecf.mowd.uscourts.gov>.



Or, you may go to the Western District of Missouri's web site at www.mow.uscourts.gov and click on the **District** link, then click on the **CM/ECF Login** link under **District**.

Logging In

Select United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri - Document Filing System to open the login screen and login to CM/ECF.

CM/ECF Filer or PACER Login

Notice
This is a **Restricted Web Site** for Official Court Business only. Unauthorized entry is prohibited and subject to prosecution under Title 18 of the U.S. Code. All activities and access attempts are logged.

Instructions for filing:
Enter your CM/ECF filer login and password if you are electronically filing something with the court.

If you received this login page as a result of a link from a Notice of Electronic Filing email:
Enter your CM/ECF filer login and password. The system prompts customers for a CM/ECF login and password when attempting to view certain types of documents.

If you have trouble viewing a document:
After successful entry of your CM/ECF login, you should be able to view the document. If you receive the message "You do not have permission to view this document," viewing the document is restricted to attorneys of record in the case and the system does not recognize you as such. If the login prompt appears again, after you have entered your CM/ECF login and password, it means that the "free look" link has expired. You will need to enter your PACER login and password to view the document.

Instructions for viewing filed documents and case information:
If you do not need filing capabilities, enter your PACER login and password. If you do not have a PACER login, you may register online at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>.

Authentication

Login:
Password:
[Forgot your password?](#)
client code:


IMPORTANT NOTICE OF REDACTION RESPONSIBILITY: All filers must redact: Social Security or taxpayer-identification numbers; dates of birth; names of minor children; financial account numbers; and, in criminal cases, home addresses, in compliance with [Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2](#) or [Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1](#). This requirement applies to all documents, including attachments.

I understand that, if I file, I must comply with the redaction rules. I have read this notice.

Notice
An access fee of \$0.10 per page or \$3.00 per document with an audio attachment, as approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States, will be assessed for access to this service. For more information about CM/ECF, [click here](#) or contact the PACER Service Center at (800) 676-6836.

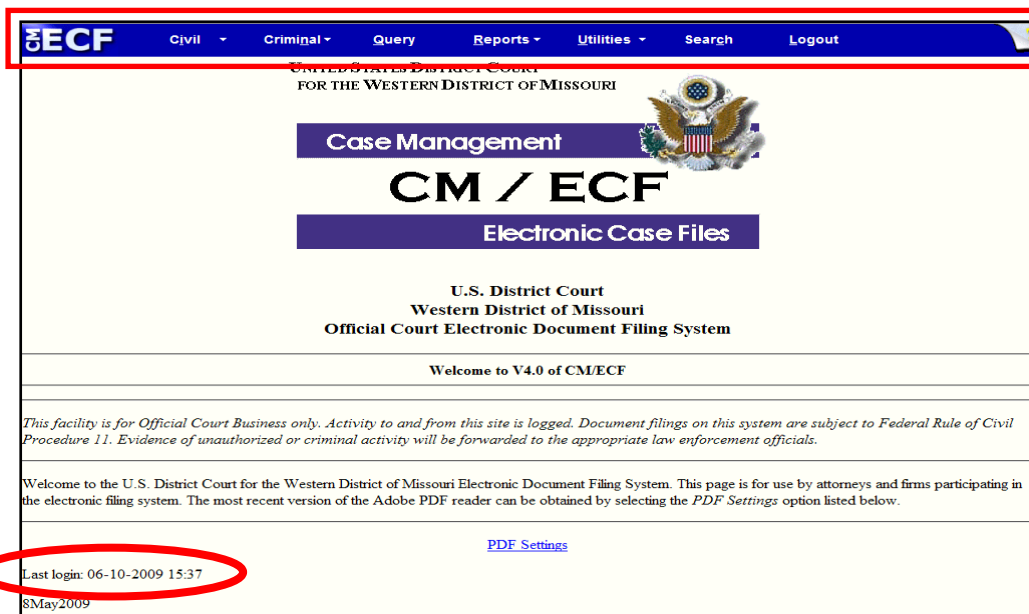
CM/ECF has been tested and works correctly with Firefox 3.5, and Internet Explorer 7 and 8.

Note: Use your CM/ECF login and password if you are entering the system to file a pleading or to maintain your account. If you only wish to query the database for case information or to view a document, **enter** your PACER login and password. You will be charged a fee to access documents, docket sheets, query information, etc. from CM/ECF.

- Enter your CM/ECF Login and Password in the appropriate data entry fields. All CM/ECF login names and passwords are case sensitive. Review the notice regarding redaction responsibility to the right of the Authentication box. You must signify agreement by checking to the right of the Authentication box or you will be unable to proceed. Click to transmit the information to the system. If an error is made before you have submitted the screen, click to erase the Login and Password entries and re-enter the correct information.
- If an invalid combination has been submitted, the system responds with an error message. Click  in your browser and re-enter the correct login and password.
- The client code is an optional feature that can be used to track PACER billing charges to a specific client. Enter the client's name, law office file number or some distinctive code. It is not necessary to register the client code with the Court or with PACER. The quarterly billing statements from PACER will show the total amount due according to each client code.

Selecting the Appropriate CM/ECF Feature

The screen below is the Welcome screen with the blue **Main Menu** bar.



Note: The date you last logged into the system appears at the bottom left corner of the **Main Menu** screen. For security reasons, you should review this information each time you login. If you believe your last login date and time are incorrect, or suspect an unauthorized party is using your login and password, please contact the court's Help Desk at 1-800-466-9302 as soon as possible.

CM/ECF provides numerous features that are accessible from the **Main Menu** bar at the top of the opening screen.



<u>Civil</u>	Electronically open a new case or file pleadings, motions, and other documents in civil or miscellaneous cases.
<u>Criminal</u>	Electronically file pleadings, motions, and other documents in criminal or magistrate cases.
<u>Query</u>	Obtain information by specific case number, party name, or nature of suit. You must login to PACER before you can query CM/ECF.
<u>Reports</u>	Retrieve docket sheets and cases-filed reports. You must login to PACER before you can view any CM/ECF report.
<u>Utilities</u>	Maintain your account, view your personal CM/ECF transaction log and view mailing information for a case.
<u>Search</u>	Search for a CM/ECF menu or event by typing in a keyword or part of a document title. Only letters and numbers may be searched. Note: This feature is not available to PACER users.
<u>Logout</u>	Exit from CM/ECF and prevent any further filing with your password until the next time you log in.
<u>Help</u>	Select if you have a question about the current CM/ECF screen you are on. This will often provide you help for the screen you are viewing.

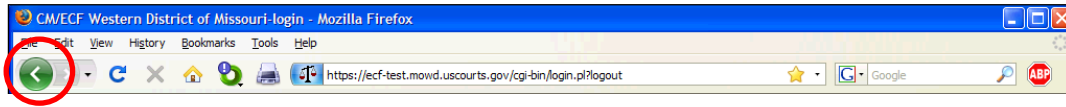
Manipulating the Screens

Each screen has the following two buttons:

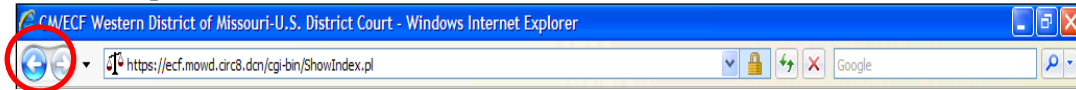
- The button clears **all** characters entered in the box(es) on that screen.
- The or button accepts the entry just made and displays the next entry screen, if any.



Correcting a Mistake

Mozilla Firefox Toolbar



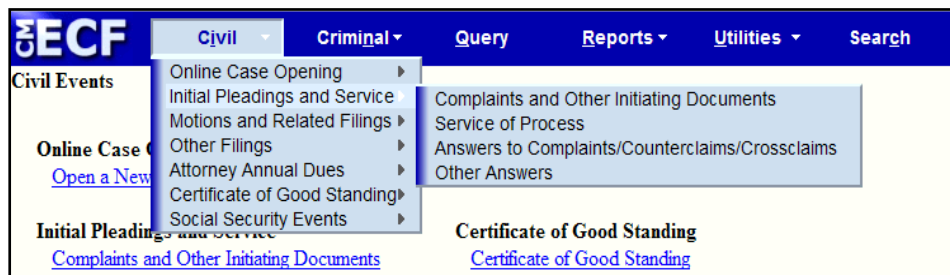
Internet Explorer Toolbar



Use the  button on the Mozilla Firefox toolbar or the  on the Internet Explorer toolbar to go back and correct an entry made on a previous screen. However, once the document is transmitted to the court, only the court can make changes or corrections.

Menus

The cascading menu system allows users to navigate from one CM/ECF menu item to another by hovering over the main blue bar and selecting specific items from the cascading menus.



As an alternative to the cascading menu system, users can also access items by clicking on the blue menu bar item. When a user clicks on the blue menu bar item, CM/ECF presents all options available through that item on a single screen. The example below is displayed when the user clicks the **Civil** option.



Although both menu options are available to users, this manual will use the option to access items by clicking on the blue menu bar item.

OPENING A CIVIL CASE IN CM/ECF

If you prefer to view this information via an online tutorial, click [here](#) or access through our webpage. Select **Civil** from the blue menu bar at the top of the ECF screen.

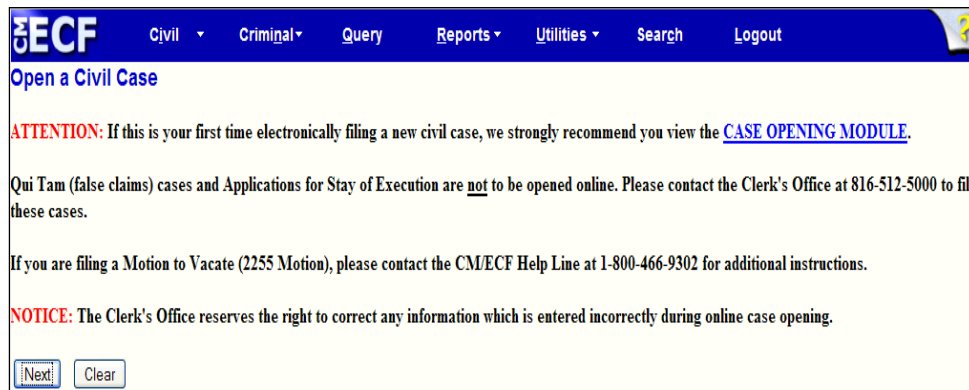


Select **MOW Open a New Case** under **Online Case Opening** on the Civil Events screen.

Civil Events Screen



The following screen includes important information regarding opening a new case in CM/ECF. Please review the information carefully.



Initial Case Opening Screen

The next screen is the initial case opening screen. The selection of the office and case type provide the system with the information it needs to assign a case number and judge. You will receive a case number after the case has been created. A judge will be assigned to the case and will appear on the Notice of

Electronic Filing after the initiating document has been filed. Following is a description of each of the fields in the case opening screen.

Initial Case Opening Screen

The screenshot shows the 'Open a Civil Case' form in the ECF system. The form has a blue header with the ECF logo and navigation links: Civil, Criminal, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, and Logout. Below the header, the form is titled 'Open a Civil Case' and contains the following fields and options:

- Office: Jefferson City (dropdown menu)
- Case type: cv (dropdown menu)
- Case number: (text input field)
- Date filed: 12/22/2009
- Lead case number: (text input field)
- Association type: consolidated (dropdown menu)
- Other court name: (text input field)
- Other court number: (text input field)
- Related cases:
- Buttons: Next, Clear

Office

[Local Rule 3.2](#) addresses divisional venue. Divisional venue is determined first by the county in which the defendant resides, or if the defendant resides outside the Western District of Missouri, the county where the plaintiff resides, or where the claim for relief arose. Local Rule 3.2 also addresses the issue of multiple defendants and non-resident defendants. ***Cases must be initiated in compliance with Local Rule 3.2 and the clerk's office will reassign any cases filed in an incorrect division.***

Cases removed from a County Circuit Court to the District Court are assigned to the District Court Division in which the County Court lies. The selection of the incorrect office will result in an Administrative Transfer by the Clerk's Office and a redraw of judge from the appropriate deck.

Please see below for a listing of counties included in each division.

Jefferson City (Central Division)	Joplin (Southwestern Division)	Kansas City (Western Division)	St. Joseph (St. Joseph Division)		Springfield (Southern Division)	
Benton	Barry	Bates	Andrew	Harrison	Cedar	Oregon
Boone	Barton	Carroll	Atchison	Holt	Christian	Ozark
Callaway	Jasper	Cass	Buchanan	Livingston	Dade	Polk
Camden	Lawrence	Clay	Caldwell	Mercer	Dallas	Pulaski
Cole	McDonald	Henry	Clinton	Nodaway	Douglas	Taney
Cooper	Newton	Jackson	Daviess	Platte	Greene	Texas
Hickory	Stone	Johnson	DeKalb	Putnam	Howell	Webster
Howard	Vernon	Lafayette	Gentry	Sullivan	Laclede	Wright
Miller		Ray	Grundy	Worth		
Montineau		St. Clair				
Morgan		Saline				
Osage						
Pettis						

Case Type

Only civil and miscellaneous cases can be opened by attorneys. Select “cv” for a civil case or “mc” for a miscellaneous case.

The following initiating documents receive a civil “cv” case number:

- Complaint
- Notice of Removal
- Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus

The following initiating documents receive a miscellaneous “mc” case number:

- Application to Enter Premises
- Federal Lien Against Property Filed by Government Agency
- Letters Rogatory
- Motion for Protective Order
- Motion for Return of Seized Property
- Petition to Enforce IRS Summons
- Motion to Quash IRS Summons
- Motion to Enforce Subpoena
- Motion to Perpetuate Testimony
- Motion to Quash Subpoena
- Motion to Vacate Arbitration Award
- Motion to Withdraw Reference to Bankruptcy Court
- Notification of Appointment of Receiver
- Registration of Foreign Judgment
- Request for Subpoena to Identify Infringer

NOTE: When filing a miscellaneous case, use the *Miscellaneous Case Initiating Document* event and make the appropriate choice (below) as to the type of miscellaneous case from the list displayed on the screen.

Complaints and Other Initiating Documents
[2:09-mc-09001-NKL Atkinson v. Baker](#)

Select Type of Miscellaneous Action from List

Application to Enter Premises

Federal Lien Against Property Filed by Government Agency

Letters Rogatory

Notification of Appointment of Receiver

Motion

Registration of Foreign Judgment

If your miscellaneous case involves a motion (i.e., a *Motion to Enforce Subpoena*), you will docket the *Miscellaneous Case Initiating Document* event, but you will not be prompted to attach a document. After docketing the *Miscellaneous Case Initiating Document* event you should file your motion separately using the appropriate motion event. If there isn't an appropriate motion event, please file your motion using the *Motion for Order* event. You will be able to attach your motion to this event. If you have questions when filing a miscellaneous case, please contact the Clerk's Office.

Lead Case Number and Association Type

The Lead case number and Association type fields are only used by court staff, so it is not necessary to enter additional information in these boxes.

Other Court Name and Other Court Number

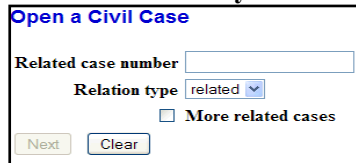
If you are filing a notice of removal, enter the name of the other court (i.e., Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri) in the *Other Court Name* field.

Enter the county's case number in the *Other Court Number* field.

Related Case

If the case you are filing relates to another case in the Western District of Missouri, check the *Related Cases* box. A new screen will open which allows you to add the related case information.

Related Case Entry Screen



Enter the related case number in the text box. Entering related case information creates a hyperlink to that case from the docket sheet.

If there is more than one related case, after entering the first case number check the *More related cases* box.

When all related cases have been entered, click the Next button.

Case Information Screen

The Case Information Screen can be completed from the information supplied on the Civil Cover Sheet. **Please remember** that you must attach the Civil Cover Sheet as a .pdf when filing the case initiating document.

NOTE: The selections you make on the *Case Information Screen* are very important. An error will be displayed if information is not entered correctly. Errors must be corrected to continue opening the case.

Case Information Screen

Open a Civil Case

Jurisdiction Filter: Clear filter

Cause of action Filter: Clear filter

Nature of suit Filter: Clear filter

Origin

Citizenship plaintiff

Citizenship defendant

Jury demand Class action Demand (\$000)

Arbitration code County

Fee status Fee date Date transfer

Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction defaults to **Federal Question**. The drop-down list displays additional options for jurisdiction (Diversity, U.S. Government Plaintiff and U.S. Government Defendant).

The jurisdiction for miscellaneous cases is **3 (Federal Question)**.

Cause of Action

The statutes, also referred to as causes of action, are listed in numerical order. To select the cause of action, users can click the drop-down list and scroll down to find the appropriate statute.

An alternate way of finding the cause of action is to enter the full or partial statute in the Filter field. CM/EFC will narrow down the drop-down list to include only the items that match the string entered.

Cause of action Filter: Clear filter

The cause of action for miscellaneous cases, **misc (Civil Miscellaneous Case)**, is located at the bottom of the list or by typing “misc” in the filter box.

Nature of Suit

The natures of suit are listed in numerical order. To select the nature of suit, users can click the drop-down list and scroll down to find the appropriate entry.

An alternate way to find the nature of suit is to enter the full or partial nature of suit in the Filter field to further narrow down the drop-down list to include only the items that match the string entered.

Nature of suit Filter: Clear filter

The nature of suit for miscellaneous cases is **999 (Miscellaneous Case)**.

Origin

A complaint originating in the Federal Court is always 1 (Original Proceeding). A notice of removal is always 2 (Removal from State Court). Use the drop-down box to select the appropriate origin.

The origin for miscellaneous cases is always 1 (Original Proceeding).

Citizenship

The Citizenship fields only need to be completed for diversity cases. If you are filing a diversity case, select the appropriate citizenship statement for the parties. **Note:** Diversity must be selected on the **Jurisdiction** field if you are completing the citizenship fields.

The citizenship fields do not need to be completed for miscellaneous cases.

Jury Demand

Jury demand should only be requested if there is a jury demand contained within the case initiating document you are filing. The jury demand can be made by the plaintiff when filing a complaint or the defendant when filing a notice of removal. **N (none)** should be selected if the document filed does not state a jury demand.

The jury demand for miscellaneous cases is always **n (None)**.

Class Action

If you are alleging a class action, click the drop-down box and select “y”. To request class certification, you must file a motion once your case has been opened.

When filing a miscellaneous case, the class action field should remain at the default “n”.

Demand

If a monetary demand is requested in the complaint, enter the amount to the nearest thousand. For example, if you are requesting \$1,500,000 enter 1500, without a dollar sign, comma or decimal.

When filing a miscellaneous case, the monetary demand should be left blank.

Arbitration

The *Arbitration code* field is not used in the Western District of Missouri and should be left blank.

County

Click the **County** drop-down list to display a list of all counties in the Western District of Missouri. The county selected **MUST** be the county which determined divisional jurisdiction. Click [here](#) for more information.

Fee Status

Unless you are a U.S. governmental agency or you are filing in forma pauperis, the fee status should be set to **p (paid)**. If a motion to proceed in forma pauperis is being filed, **ifp (in forma pauperis)** should be selected. Attorneys for the United States or agencies of the United States government should select the fee status **waived (wv)**.

Fee Date

The fee date will automatically default to the current date. Please do not change or remove the date.

Date Transfer

The Date transfer field remains blank.

When finished entering all the information on the Case Information Screen, click **Next** to continue.

Party Names

Perhaps the most critical piece of Online Case Opening is the entry of party names. It is important that this be done correctly since it impacts not only your case, but also the general records for the court. The [Party Entry Guide](#) is available on our website to assist you in adding parties. We suggest you print it for future reference.

The party search screen is divided into two panels. The left panel contains controls to **Add New Party** and **Create Case**. The search fields in the right panel allow users to search the CM/ECF database for parties.

Party Search Screen

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Party Search Screen". At the top left, there is a link "Open a Civil Case". Below this, there are two buttons: "Add New Party" and "Create Case". To the right of these buttons is a section titled "Search for a party" which contains three input fields: "Last / Business Name", "First Name", and "Middle Name". Below these fields is a "Search" button. On the left side of the search area, there are two links: "Collapse All" and "Expand All".

Searching for a Party

BEFORE ENTERING ANY PARTY NAME, search the current list of names in the CM/ECF database by entering at least three letters of the party's last name in the Last/Business name field that's presented. If your party is a corporation, enter the first three letters of the corporate name. The [Party Entry Guide](#) includes search hints to help you search the CM/ECF database for parties.

If the system finds a match, CM/ECF will display a list of party names. Be **SURE** to scroll down through the list offered on the screen. If you find something similar, check your own spelling or configuration to determine which is preferable.

Search Results

Open a Civil Case

Add New Party Create Case

Collapse All Expand All

Search for a party

Last / Business Name Har First Name Middle Name

Search

Search Results

- Hard, Phillip
- Hardware Technologies, Inc.
- Harle, Denise
- Harle, Jerry E.
- Harmon
- Harold, Stanley

Select Party Create New Party

If the name of the party you represent appears in the list, select it, and then click **Select Party**. **Do not create a new party if the party you represent appears in the list.**

Creating a New Party

If you do not find a match AFTER performing a search, click **Create New Party** to enter the party as a new entry into the database.

ECF will display the Party Information screen to collect information on the new party.

Party Information Screen

Open a Civil Case

Add New Party Create Case

Collapse All Expand All

Party Information

Last name First name

Middle name Generation

Title

Role Defendant (dft.pty)

Pro se No

Prisoner Id Unit

Office

Address 1

Address 2

Address 3

City

State Zip Country

Prison

Phone Fax

E-mail

Party text

Start date 9/24/2009 End date

Corporation no Notice yes

Add Party

While there are many data entry boxes on this screen, only limited fields are completed:

- Last name;
- First name;
- Middle name (If Applicable);
- Generation (If Applicable);
- Role; and
- Party text (If Applicable).

Do not enter any additional information for new parties.

Party Name

For businesses, the company name is entered in the *Last/Business Name* field. For individuals, the *Last Name*, *First Name*, and *Middle Name* fields are used. The *Generation* field is also completed if applicable.

Role

The Role type defaults to **defendant**. Select the correct party role from the drop-down list. Since most cases are opened by plaintiffs, please be careful to change the designation to Plaintiff. If your case is a removal, you must still be careful to add the party role types properly.

Party Text

This field is OPTIONAL and allows you to add descriptive information about the party. Examples of party text are: A Missouri Corporation, Individually and in the Official Capacity, etc. Please do not add the party role, (i.e., plaintiff, defendant, etc.) to the **Party Text** box.

When all required information is entered, click the **Add Party** button.

As the parties are added, you will see them appear in the left panel. The information in the left panel is referred to as the Case Participant Tree.

Case Participant Tree

Open a Civil Case

Add New Party Create Case

Search for a party

Last / Business Name First Name Middle Name

Search

Collapse All Expand All

Tom Parker pla

- Alias
- Corporate Parent or other affiliate
- Attorney

Burger Queen dft

- Alias
- Corporate Parent or other affiliate
- Attorney

The following chart provides you with a description of the icons and hyperlinks you see in the left panel of the Case Participant Tree.

Case Participant Tree Icons

Icon	Description
	Delete this party from the case.
	Add new alias or corporate parent.
	Edit the party, alias or corporate parent.

The [Expand all](#) hyperlink displays all parties, including aliases, corporate parents, and attorneys. The [Collapse all](#) hyperlink displays only the parties in the case, with all other information collapsed in the tree.

Each branch of the case participant tree can be expanded or collapsed individually by clicking on the + and – icons.

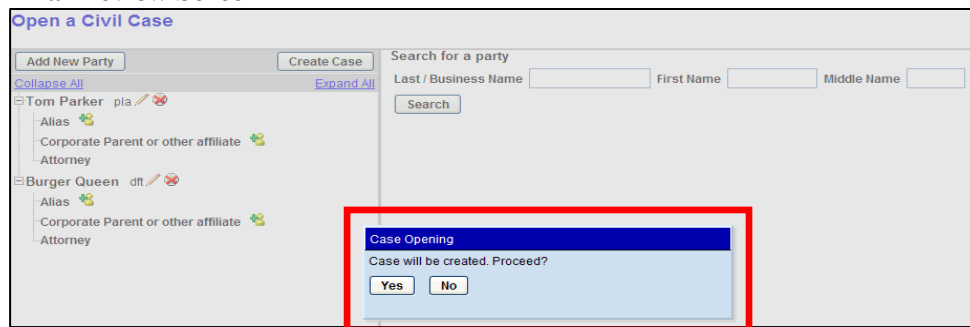
If the party tree is not expanded, you should expand it to make sure you have all parties and aliases added. If necessary, click the appropriate icon in the Case Participant Tree to add or correct information. When all parties have been added and appear correctly in the Case Participant Tree, click **Create Case**.

You will be prompted to pay the appropriate filing fee via Pay.Gov.

Final Review

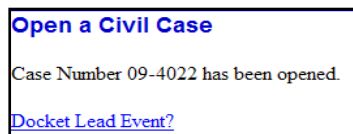
CM/ECF gives you one last opportunity to make changes to case opening information.

Final Review Screen



Clicking **No** will allow you to add, delete or modify parties. If all of the information is correct, click **Yes** to create the case.

The case is now open in CM/ECF, and a case number has been assigned. Please make a note of the case number for future reference.



Click **Docket Lead Event** to docket your complaint, notice of removal, or miscellaneous case initiating document.

If you are filing a Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, do not click on Docket Lead Event. Instead, click **Civil** on the blue menu bar. Under the *Motions and Related Filings* category, click **Motion**, and select the event **Proceed In Forma Pauperis**.

You must file your case initiating document immediately after the case has been opened.

When the complaint, notice of removal or miscellaneous case initiating document is filed, a judge is randomly assigned and will be displayed on the Notice of Electronic Filing. Please make a note of the judge assignment for future reference.

Notice of Electronic Filing with Judge Assignment

[Complaints and Other Initiating Documents](#)
[4:09-cv-00063 Parker v. Burger Queen](#)

U.S. District Court
United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri - Test Area

Notice of Electronic Filing

The following transaction was entered by Smith, Robert on 9/24/2009 at 11:29 AM CDT and filed on 9/24/2009

Case Name: Parker v. Burger Queen
Case Number: [4:09-cv-00063-HFS](#)
Filer: Tom Parker
Document Number: [1](#)
Judge Assigned: Howard F. Sachs (presiding)

Docket Text:
COMPLAINT against Burger Queen filed by Robert Smith on behalf of Tom Parker. Filing fee \$350, receipt number 454253. Service due by 1/25/2010. (Attachments: # (1) Civil Cover Sheet)(Smith, Robert)

4:09-cv-00063-HFS Notice has been electronically mailed to:

Robert Smith rsmith1234@yahoo.com

4:09-cv-00063-HFS It is the filer's responsibility for noticing the following parties by other means:

The following document(s) are associated with this transaction:

Once you file the case initiating document and receive the Notice of Electronic Filing, your case is considered opened. The Clerk's Office will review all information entered during Online Case Opening and, if needed, make any corrections.

If you require assistance during Online Case Opening or other filing matters, please contact our CM/ECF Help Line at 1-800-466-9302.

Filing Documents in a Civil Case – A Step-By-Step Guide

There are nine basic steps involved in filing a civil document:

1. Select the type of document to file.
2. Enter the case number in which the document is to be filed.
3. Designate the party(s) filing the document.
 - a. Add/Create a new party if necessary.
4. Specify the PDF file name and location for the document to be filed.
5. Add attachments to the main document.
 - a. If an exhibit cannot be converted to a PDF file (i.e., an audio or video file), the file should be copied onto a flash drive and two copies of the flash drive delivered to the Clerk's Office.
 - b. A *Notice of Exhibit Attachment* should be filed as a separate document on CM/ECF. The *Notice of Exhibit Attachment* should: 1) indicate the name of the non-PDF document(s) being submitted to the Clerk's Office; 2) indicate the document to which the *Notice of Exhibit* pertains; and 3) reference that two copies were delivered to the Clerk's Office.
 - c. All documents which form part of a single pleading (and which are being filed at the same time), and by the same party may be electronically filed together under one docket number (Exception: Suggestions in Support or Suggestions in Opposition to motion, *see below*)
6. Link related documents, if necessary.
7. Modify the docket text as necessary.
8. Submit the document to CM/ECF.
9. Receive notification of electronic filing.

After successfully logging into CM/ECF, follow these steps to file a pleading.

1. Select the type of document to file

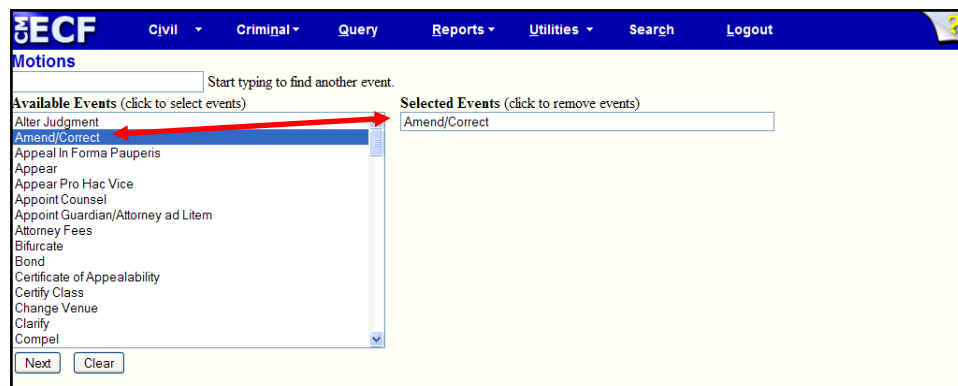
Select **Civil** from the **Main Menu** at the top of the CM/ECF screen. The Civil Event window opens displaying all of the events from which you may choose for your filing. This section of the User's Manual describes the process for filing a **Motion** in CM/ECF. The process is similar for filing other pleadings in CM/ECF. The **Search** feature, found within the blue menu bar, is helpful in locating appropriate events.

Click on **Motions**, under the category of **Motions and Related Filings**.



The next screen will allow you to scroll down and select the type of motion you are filing or, by typing text in the docket event search field, the system will display those events that have matching text. The list will grow shorter as the system narrows the possible choices that match the criteria. Click and highlight the desired event when it is displayed in the available events box.

After clicking on the desired event, the name will appear on the right in the **Selected Events** box. If you are filing a single part motion, verify the event in the **Selected Events** box and click to continue.



To remove an event which was incorrectly selected, click on the event in the **Selected Events** box. The unwanted selection will be removed from the box.

Note: To file a multi-part motion, continue to add events to the **Selected Events** box. Once you have finished making your selections, verify the events in the **Selected Events** box are correct and click to continue docketing. To remove an event which was incorrectly selected, click on the event in the **Selected Events** box. The unwanted selection will be removed from the box.

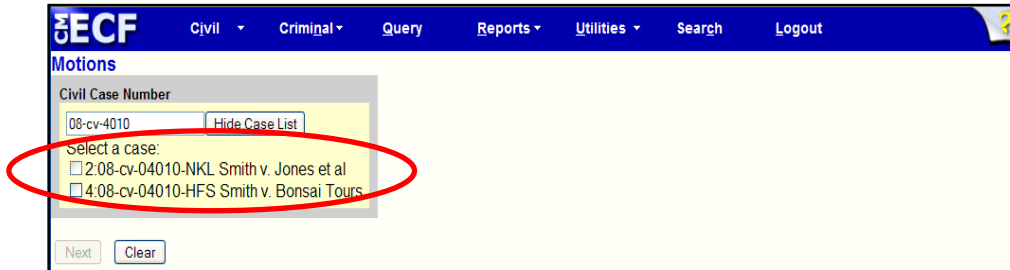
2. Enter the case number in which the document is to be filed

After you enter the entire case number, click [Find This Case](#). Case numbers can be entered in many formats, i.e., 08-123, 4:08-cv-123, or 08cv123. If the case number is entered incorrectly, the system will display a message that it cannot find the case. Verify the correct case number, re-enter it in the box and click [Find This Case](#).



The screenshot shows the ECF Motions page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ECF logo and menu items: Civil, Criminal, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, and Logout. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "Motions". A search box labeled "Civil Case Number" contains the text "08cv4010". To the right of the search box is a button labeled "Find This Case". Below the search box are two buttons: "Next" and "Clear". A red circle highlights the search box and the "Find This Case" button.

If duplicate numbers are found, they will be displayed in a list. Check the box for the case in which the document is to be filed.

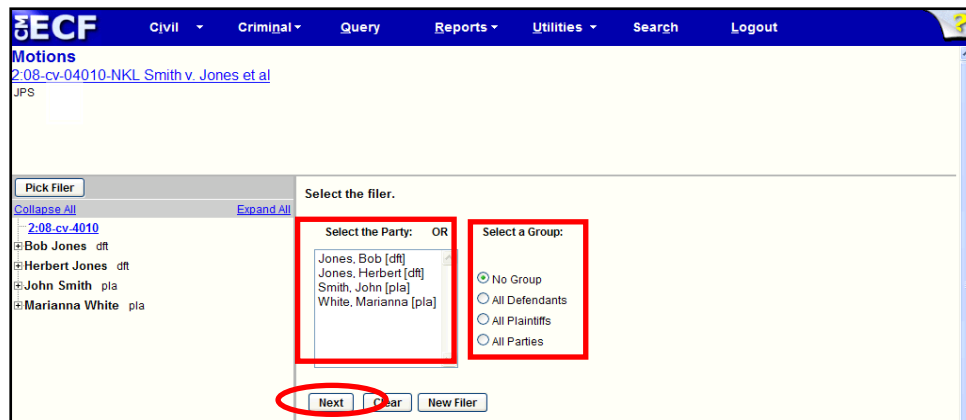


The screenshot shows the ECF Motions page with search results. The search box now contains "08-cv-4010" and has a "Hide Case List" button to its right. Below the search box, the text "Select a case:" is followed by two checkboxes. The first checkbox is checked and is next to the text "2.08-cv-04010-NKL Smith v. Jones et al". The second checkbox is unchecked and is next to the text "4.08-cv-04010-HFS Smith v. Bonsai Tours". Below the list are two buttons: "Next" and "Clear". A red circle highlights the list of cases.

When a valid case number has been entered, click [Next](#) to move to the next screen.

3. Designate the party(s) filing the document

The case participant tree is displayed in the left pane during docketing so users can readily see all case participants during the process of selecting the filers. Each branch of the tree can be expanded to reveal additional information or collapsed to the case participant level. To view all parties, attorneys and aliases, click on **Expand All**. The **Collapse All** option will display parties, but not their attorneys or aliases. The tree is displayed for reference purposes during docketing. **All** party selections will be made in the right pane.

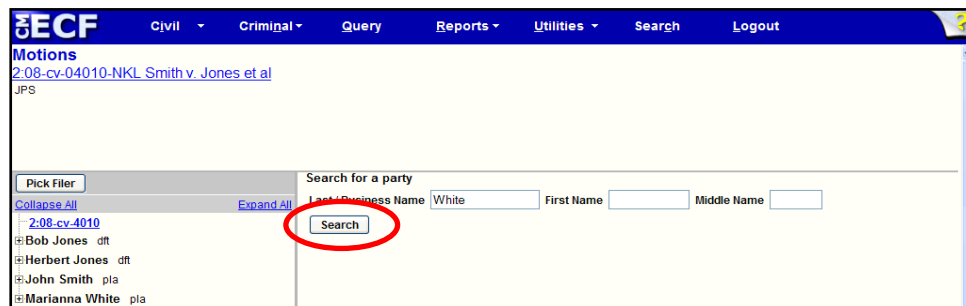


When selecting the filer, the right pane displays the existing parties, and the left pane displays the case participant tree. Highlight the name of the party for whom you are filing the document, or, if the **Select a Group** option is presented and you represent all defendants or plaintiffs you may select a group by clicking in the circle next to the group. Click .

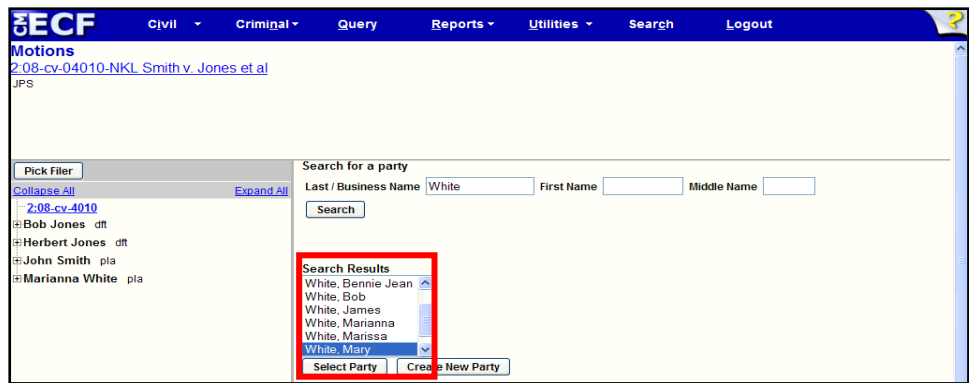
If the party you represent is not reflected in the party list, click . A new search screen will be displayed from which the user then can search for and add a new party.

Adding New Parties

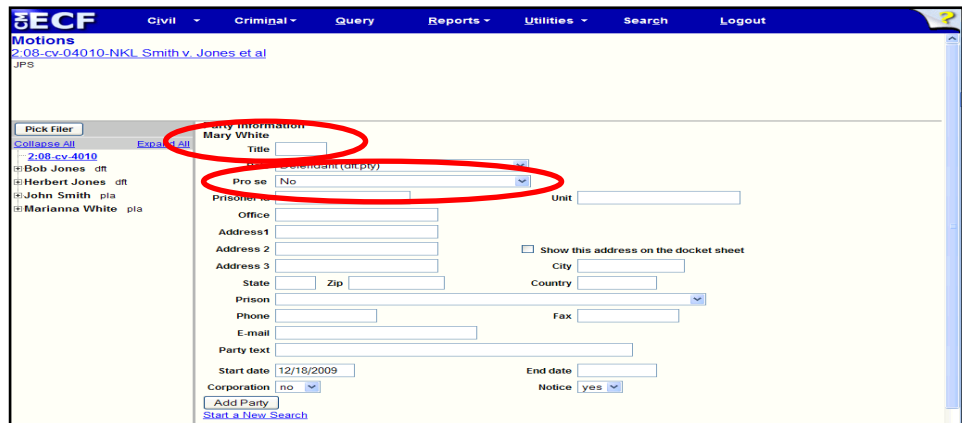
To search for a new filer, type in the party's last name, or if a business, the first three letters of the business name. When searching for an individual, the search can be further narrowed by entering the first name of the party. Click .



Be sure to scroll down through the list of names that come up on the screen. If the system finds the correct name, select the name already in the database to eliminate different versions of the same party name. Click .



On the **Party Information** screen review the party name and select the party's role in this filing. Do not add party addresses, phone or e-mail information. All information added on this screen will be accessible to the public. Click [Add Party](#) to add the party to the case.



Creating New Parties

Many names and businesses are in the system so please verify the spelling of the party's name to avoid duplicate entries. If the party search returns no results, click [Create new party](#).

The screenshot shows the ECF Motions page for case 2:08-cv-04010-NKL Smith v. Jones et al. A search for a party is in progress. The search criteria are: Last / Business Name: White, First Name: Maryann, Middle Name: Middle Name. The search results are empty. The 'Create New Party' button is circled in red.

If the party being added is a business, enter the entire name in the **Last Name** field. For an individual, enter the **Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, Generation** and **Title** fields as appropriate. From the drop-down list, choose the appropriate **Role** for the party. Leave all other fields blank and click [Add Party](#).

The screenshot shows the 'Party Information' form for Maryann White. The form is filled with details such as Title, Role (Plaintiff (pta,pty)), Pro se (No), Prisoner Id, Unit, Address 1, Address 2, Address 3, State, Zip, City, Country, Prison, Phone, Fax, E-mail, Party text, Start date (12/16/2009), End date, Corporation (no), and Notice (yes). The 'Add Party' button is circled in red.

With all new parties CM/ECF needs to create an association between the party and their attorney.

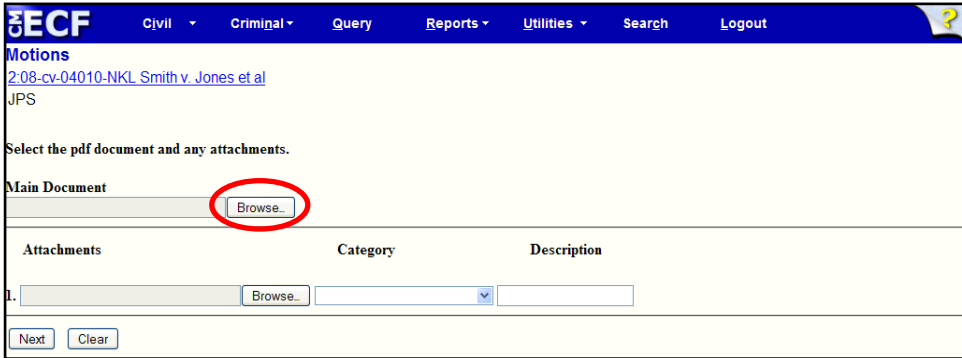
The screenshot shows the 'Party/Attorney Association' form. The form is filled with details such as Maryann White (pty/pta) represented by Robert Smith (aty) and Lead. The 'Next' and 'Clear' buttons are visible.

If you represent the party you have added, leave the box to the left of the party's name checked to create the attorney/party relationship. If you do not represent the party, but are adding them as an additional party, i.e., third party defendant, uncheck the box so no association is created. Click .

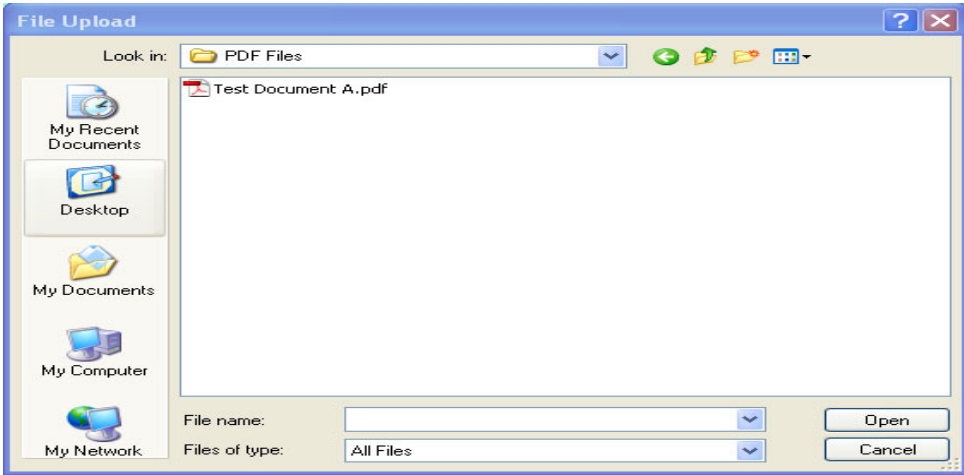
4. Specify the PDF file name and location of the document to be filed

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To upload a document, click to navigate to the appropriate directory. Use the mouse to select the directory in which the PDF version of the file is located.

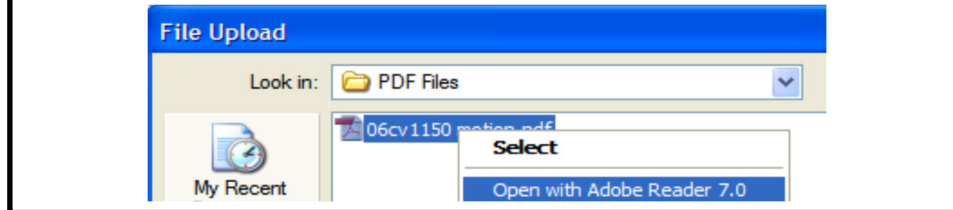


Navigate to the appropriate directory and file name to select the PDF document you wish to file. Highlight the file to upload to CM/ECF.

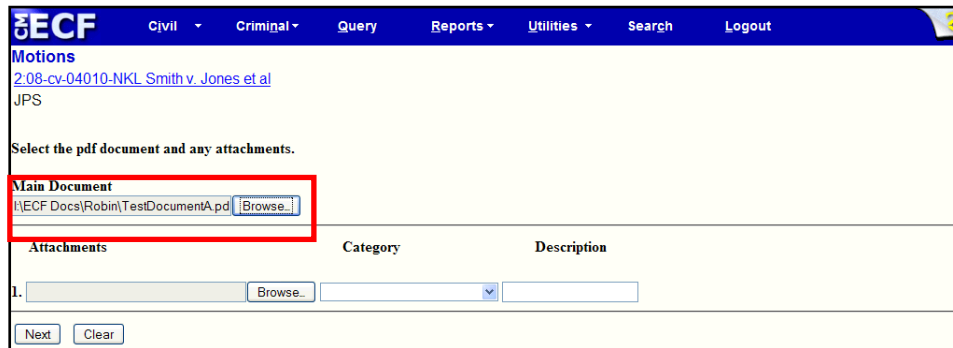


Note: To verify that the document being filed is the correct document, after the file is selected, right click on the file name and select open from the menu. The PDF document will open and can be viewed to verify that it is the correct document.

Viewing the document allows a user to find and correct significant filing errors before sending the document to the Court and other parties. Remember, once submitted, a filing cannot be edited or changed by an attorney.



Once you have verified the document is correct, close Adobe Reader and click . CM/ECF closes the **File Upload** screen and inserts the PDF file name and location in the **Motions** screen. If you fail to select a document to file, CM/ECF will display an error message. If there are no attachments to the motion, click .



5. Add attachments to the main document

All documents which form part of a pleading and are being filed at the same time and by the same party may be electronically filed together under one docket number (i.e., a Motion and a supporting affidavit).

EXCEPTION: Suggestions in support of a motion should be electronically filed separately and shown as a related document to the motion

Attachments are added on the lower portion of the document upload screen. Click to search for the document. Navigate to the appropriate directory and file name to select the PDF document you wish to file. Verify that the document being filed is the correct document and click .

Note: The civil cover sheet should always be an attachment to your complaint.

Once a PDF document is selected, the user must select either a **Category** or a **Description** to further describe the attachment. Under **Category** click on the arrow and make the appropriate selection. It is also acceptable to enter data in both fields. As the process of adding an attachment is completed, a new row will appear so the user can then add a second attachment if necessary. Additional rows will be added as needed. After adding all .pdf attachments, click .

Note: If you select “Exhibit” from the drop-down list, **DO NOT** type “Exhibit” in the description box, doing so results in duplicate docket text.

The screenshot shows the ECF system interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ECF logo and menu items: Civil, Criminal, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, and Logout. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "Motions" and the case information is "2:08-cv-04010-NKL Smith v. Jones et al" and "JPS". The main content area has the instruction "Select the pdf document and any attachments." and a "Main Document" field with the file path "\\ECF Docs\Robin\TestDocumentA.pdf" and a "Browse..." button. Below this is a table with three columns: "Attachments", "Category", and "Description". The first row of the table is highlighted with a red box and contains the file path "\\ECF Docs\Robin\Exhibit A.pdf", the category "Exhibit", and the description "A". To the right of the description field is a "Remove" button. Below the table, there is a second row with a "2." label, a "Browse..." button, a dropdown menu, and an empty text field. At the bottom of the form are "Next" and "Clear" buttons.

When attachments and exhibits are in paper format

When attachments cannot be filed electronically on CM/ECF, contact the Clerk’s Office. You will likely be instructed to file a *Notice of Exhibit Attachment* (see Paragraph 5 (see Paragraph 5, [Filing a Document in a Civil Case – A Step-By-Step Guide](#))).

NOTE: For moderate length paper attachments, consider dividing them into two or more smaller attachments and file them electronically.

6. Link related documents

If your document refers to an existing document in the case, and you are provided with the option of linking the documents, click in the box to the left of **“Should the document you are filing link to another document in this case?”**. The **Filed** (date range) and **Documents** (document numbers) fields are available for the user to narrow down the number of documents presented to them on the following screen. It is not necessary to enter information in the **Filed** or **Documents** fields. Click .

The screenshot shows the ECF Motions interface for case 2:08-cv-04010-NKL Smith v. Jones et al. The user is JPS. A red circle highlights the checkbox labeled "Should the document you are filing link to another document in this case?". Below this checkbox are input fields for "Filed" (with "to" between two boxes) and "Documents" (with "to" between two boxes). "Next" and "Clear" buttons are at the bottom.

Scroll through the list of previously filed documents and click on each that apply. When you have selected all applicable documents, click .

The screenshot shows the ECF Motions interface with a list of events. A red box highlights the first event, which is checked: "01/25/2008 1 COMPLAINT against Bob Jones filed by Bonnie Barrister on behalf of John Smith. Filing fee \$350, receipt number 1111. Service due by 5/27/2008. (Richardson, Glenda) Modified on 1/25/2008 (Richardson, Glenda)". Other events include "SUMMONS ISSUED", "RETURN OF SERVICE", "ANSWER to 1 Complaint", and "MOTION to amend/correct 1 Complaint". "Next" and "Clear" buttons are at the bottom.

The next screen will automatically display the response/suggestions in opposition deadline. This will apply **unless otherwise directed by the court**.




The screenshot shows the ECF Motions interface with the heading "Motion to Amend/Correct". Below it, the text reads "Suggestions in Opposition/Response Deadline" and "The following deadline will apply unless otherwise directed by the court". A red circle highlights the date "1/4/2010" under "Suggestions in Opposition/Response due". "Next" and "Clear" buttons are at the bottom.


7. Modify the docket text as necessary


Click on the drop-down box to open a modifier list. If appropriate, select a modifier. Click in the open text area to type additional text for the description of the pleading. It is NOT necessary to type the complete title of your document in this box; its intent is to add only that additional information necessary to provide distinguishing identifiers. Do not use abbreviations. This text will appear in *italics* on the docket sheet.



8. Submit the document to CM/ECF

After completing these steps, click . A new window appears with the complete docket text for the entry. Review the docket text. If you need to modify data on a previous screen, you can click  on the browser's toolbar to find the screen you wish to alter. *Users should be cautious using the  button, as page information is often NOT saved, and the user may encounter some problems and/or have to reenter information and attach documents previously entered/added.*

Note: The full path and filename for any uploaded documents are displayed on the final approval screen. Please confirm that the correct documents have been selected for filing. If the incorrect documents were selected, do not proceed with the filing and either use the  arrow or abort the filing and start over. You can abort the filing by clicking on a menu item in the **Main Menu**.

When you arrive at the final approval screen, if the entry is correct, click . To abort the entry, click on **Civil** to restart. Once you submit the filing it is an official court document.

9. Receive notification of electronic filing

Do not attempt any other CM/ECF System function or sign off until the Notice of Electronic Filing is displayed. Otherwise, the transmission may be interrupted, and the document will not be filed.

Note: The Notice of Electronic filing represents your electronic file stamp. You should save a copy and/or retain a hard copy in your office file. Select **[File]** on the browser menu bar, choose **Save As . . .** from the drop-down window to save the receipt to a file on your network or the hard drive of your computer.

Select **[Print]** on the browser toolbar to print the document receipt.

The Notice of Electronic Filing provides confirmation that the CM/ECF System has registered your transaction, and the document is an official Court document. The date and time of the transaction is displayed along with the number assigned to the document.

Names and e-mail addresses of the attorneys who are registered CM/ECF users and will receive electronic notice of the electronically filed document are displayed on the Notice of Electronic Filing. Transmission of the Notice of Electronic Filing constitutes service of the filed document on registered CM/ECF users.

If applicable, the names and addresses of individuals who will **not** be electronically notified of the filing will also be displayed on the Notice of Electronic Filing. **It is the filer's responsibility to serve hard copies of the document and the Notice of Electronic filing to attorneys and parties who are not registered for electronic notification. Attorneys are reminded that a copy of all sealed documents must also be sent to opposing counsel, regardless of the opposing attorney's electronic status.**

The screenshot displays the ECF system interface for a Notice of Electronic Filing. The header shows navigation options: Civil, Criminal, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, and Logout. The case title is "2:08-cv-04010-NKL Smith v. Jones et al" with the filer "JPS". The court is identified as "U.S. District Court, United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri - Test Area".

The "Notice of Electronic Filing" section states: "The following transaction was entered by Smith, Robert on 12/18/2009 at 3:10 PM CST and filed on 12/18/2009". It lists the Name as "Smith v. Jones et al", Case Number as "2:08-cv-04010-NKL", Filer as "Maryann White", and Document Number as "2".

The "Docket text" section contains the entry: "First MOTION to amend/correct [1] Complaint to add additional parties filed by Robert Smith on behalf of Maryann White. Suggestions in opposition/response due by 1/4/2010 unless otherwise directed by the court. (Attachments: # (1) Exhibit A)(Related document[s](1)) (Smith, Robert)".

A section titled "2:08-cv-04010-NKL Notice has been electronically mailed to:" lists the following recipients:

- Ima Guestaty, II bill.terry@mow.uscourts.gov
- Robert Smith rsmith1234@yahoo.com

Another section states: "2:08-cv-04010-NKL It is the filer's responsibility for noticing the following parties by other means:" followed by "The following document(s) are associated with this transaction:". Below this, two document entries are listed, both with the description "Exhibit A" and original filename "a". The first document has an Electronic document Stamp with a date of 12/18/2009 and FileNumber=78260-0. The second document has a date of 12/18/2009 and FileNumber=78260-1.

Please consult our web site (www.mow.uscourts.gov) to view the “Who Wants Paper?” document to see if you need to provide a paper copy of the electronically filed pleading or OTHER document to the chambers of the presiding judge in the case.

E-Mail Notification of Documents That Were Filed

After a document is electronically filed, the CM/ECF System sends a Notice of Electronic Filing via e-mail to the designated attorneys who have registered as CM/ECF users to receive electronic notification. Attorneys and parties who receive electronic notification of the filing are permitted **one free look** at the document by clicking on the associated hyperlinked document number embedded in the Notice of Electronic Filing. **The one free look will expire 15 days from the date the Notice of Electronic Filing was transmitted.** Since sealed documents are not available to anyone, absent court order, only the notice of electronic filing is viewable, even to case participants.

The Court strongly suggests that the document be copied to your hard-drive or network for future access. Subsequent retrieval of the case docket sheet and document from CM/ECF must be made through your PACER account and is subject to regular PACER fees.

Filing Other Types of Civil Documents

To file a document other than a motion or application, make the appropriate selection from the **Main Menu** bar. The screens that follow will be very similar to those described above for filing a motion. If you have questions regarding filing other documents, please contact our Help Desk at 1-800-466-9302.

Filing Documents in a Criminal Case – A Step-By-Step Guide

There are ten basic steps involved in filing a criminal document:

1. Select the type of document to file.
2. Enter the case number in which the document is to be filed.
3. Designate the defendant(s) for which the document is being filed.
4. Designate the party(s) filing the document.
5. Specify the PDF file name and location for the document to be filed.
6. Add attachments to the main document.
 - a. If an exhibit cannot be converted to a PDF file (i.e., an audio or video file), the file should be copied onto a flash drive and two copies of the flash drive delivered to the Clerk's Office.
 - b. A *Notice of Exhibit Attachment* should be filed as a separate document on CM/ECF. The *Notice of Exhibit Attachment* should: 1) indicate the name of the non-PDF document(s) being submitted to the Clerk's Office; 2) indicate the document to which the *Notice of Exhibit* pertains; and 3) reference that two copies were delivered to the Clerk's Office.
 - c. All documents which form part of a single pleading (and which are being filed at the same time), and by the same party may be electronically filed together under one docket number (Exception: Suggestions in Support or Suggestions in Opposition to motion, *see below*)
7. Link related documents, if necessary.
8. Modify the docket text as necessary.
9. Submit the document to CM/ECF.
10. Receive notification of electronic filing.

After successfully logging into CM/ECF, follow these steps to file a pleading.

1. Select the type of document to file

Select **Criminal** from the **Main Menu** at the top of the CM/ECF screen. The Criminal Event window opens displaying all the events from which you may choose for your filing. This section of the User's Manual describes the process for filing a **Motion** in CM/ECF. The process is similar for filing other pleadings in CM/ECF. The **Search** feature, found within the blue menu bar, is helpful in locating appropriate events.

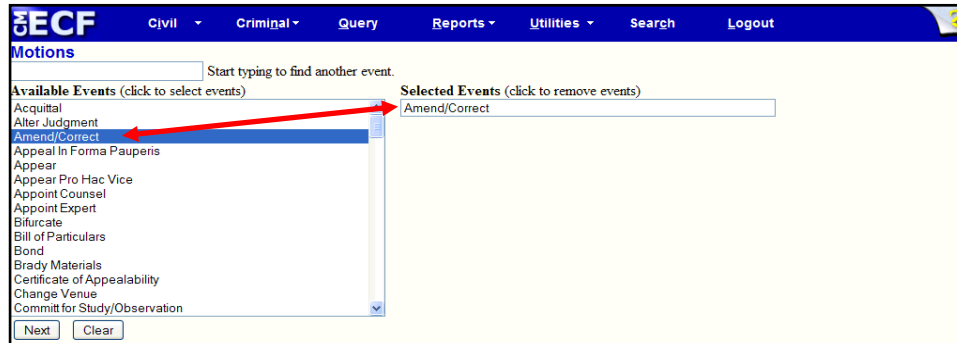
Click on **Motions**, under the category of **Motions and Related Filings**.



The next screen will allow you to scroll down and select the type of motion you are filing

or, by typing text in the docket event search field, the system will display those events that have matching text. The list will grow shorter as the system narrows the possible choices that match the criteria.

After clicking on the desired event, the name will appear on the right in the **Selected Events** box. If you are filing a single part motion, verify the event in the **Selected Events** box and click to continue.



To remove an event which was incorrectly selected, click on the event in the **Selected Events** box. The unwanted selection will be removed from the box.

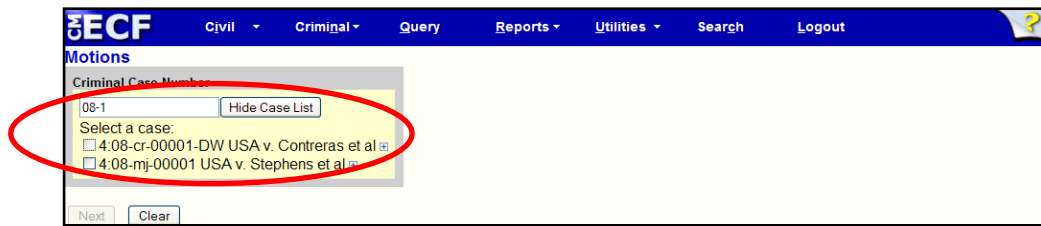
Note: To file a multi-part motion, continue to add events to the **Selected Events** box. Once you have finished making your selections, verify the events in the **Selected Events** box are correct and click to continue docketing. To remove an event which was incorrectly selected, click on the event in the **Selected Events** box. The unwanted selection will be removed from the box.

2. Enter the case number in which the document is to be filed

After you enter the entire case number, click . Case numbers can be entered in many formats (i.e., 08-123, 4:08-cr-123, or 08cr123). If the case number is entered incorrectly, the system will display a message that it cannot find the case. Verify the correct case number, re-enter it in the box and click .



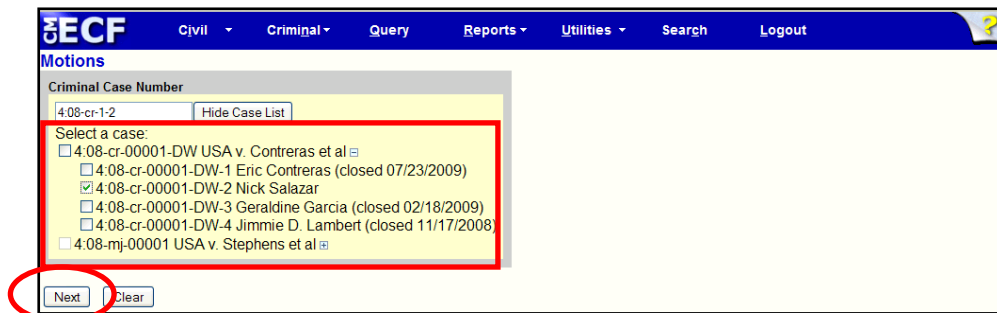
If duplicate numbers are found, they will be displayed in a list. Check the box for the case in which the document is to be filed.



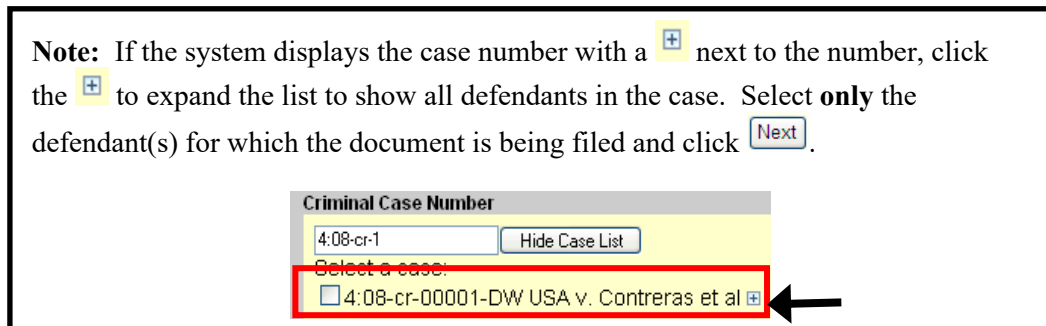
When a valid case number has been entered, click **Next** to move to the next screen.

3. Designate the defendant for whom the document is being filed

Very Important: If there is more than one defendant in the case, the system will display the Select a Case screen. Select **only** the case for the defendant for whom the document is being filed. If the motion is being filed as to one defendant, only select that defendant's case. After selecting the defendant(s), click **Next**.



Note: If the system displays the case number with a **+** next to the number, click the **+** to expand the list to show all defendants in the case. Select **only** the defendant(s) for which the document is being filed and click **Next**.



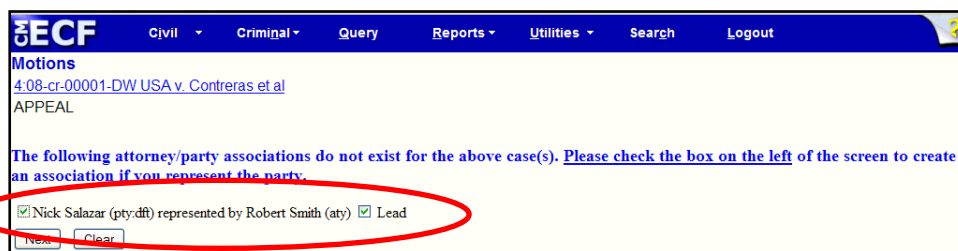
4. Designate the party(s) filing the document

The case participant tree is displayed in the left pane during docketing so users can readily see all case participants during the process of selecting the filers. Each branch of the tree can be expanded to reveal additional information or collapsed to the case participant level. To view all parties, attorneys and aliases, click on **Expand All**. The **Collapse All** option will display parties, but not their attorneys or aliases. The tree is displayed for reference purposes during docketing. All party selections will be made in the right pane.



When selecting the filer, the right pane displays the existing parties, and the left pane displays the case participant tree. Highlight the name of the party for whom you are filing the document. Click **Next**.

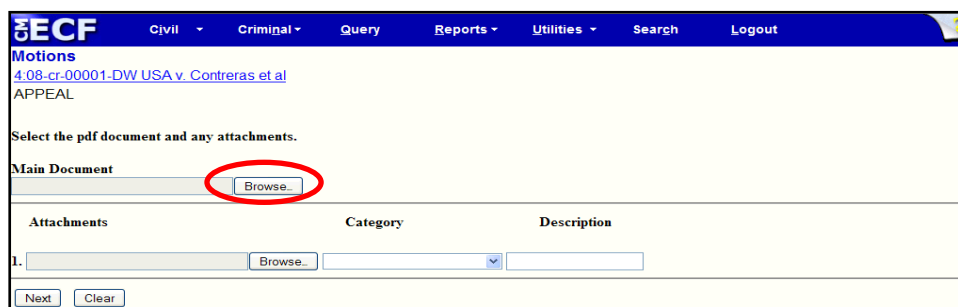
If this is an entry of appearance or initial filing as to the filer, CM/ECF needs to create an association between the party and their attorney. Leave the box to the left of the party's name checked to create the attorney/party relationship and click **Next**.



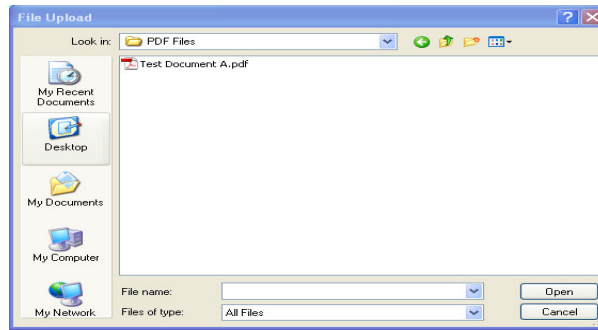
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To upload a document, click **Browse...** to navigate to the appropriate directory. Use the mouse to select the directory in which the PDF version of the file is located.

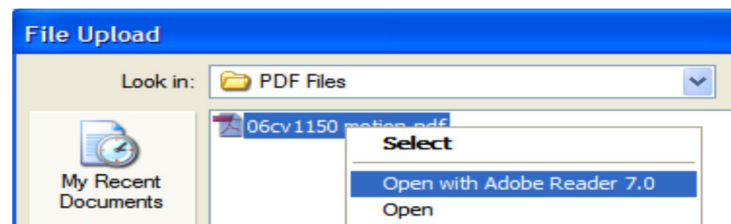


Navigate to the appropriate directory and file name to select the PDF document you wish to file. Highlight the file to upload to CM/ECF.

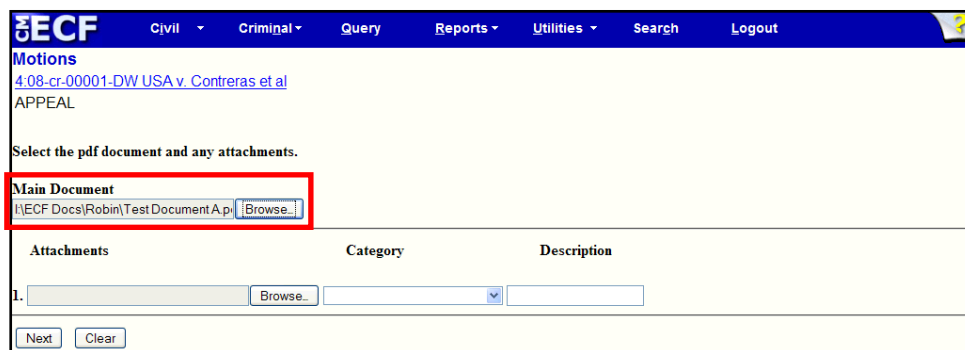


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6. Add attachments to the main document

Attachments are added on the lower portion of the document upload screen. Click to search for the document. Navigate to the appropriate directory and file name to select the PDF document you wish to file. Verify that the document being filed is the correct document and click .

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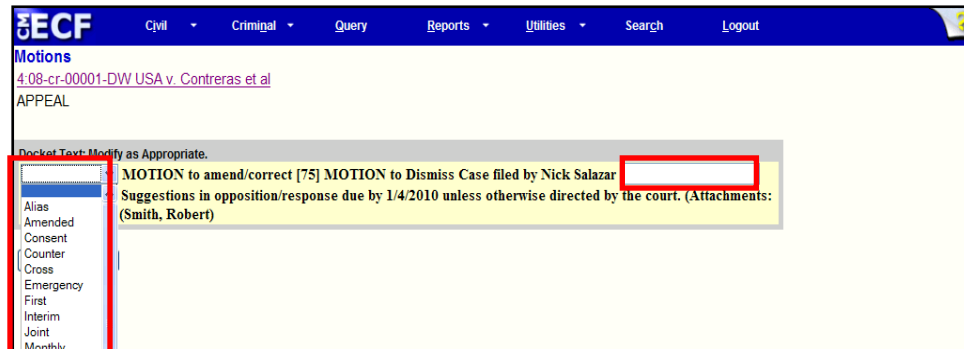
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Scroll through the list of previously filed documents and click on each that apply. When you have selected all applicable documents, click .

The screenshot shows the ECF interface for a motion. The page title is "Motions" and the case is "4:08-cr-00001-DW USA v. Contreras et al". The motion type is "APPEAL". Below this, it says "Select the appropriate event(s) to which your event relates:". A section titled "4:08-cr-00001-DW Nick Salazar" contains a list of documents. A red box highlights the first four items in the list, each with a checkbox: 1/01/2007 COMPLAINT as to Eric Contreras (1), Nick Salazar (2). (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit) (Jones, Robin) [4:08-mj-00001] (Entered: 02/05/2008); 1/10/2007 INDICTMENT as to Eric Contreras (1) count(s) 1-4, 6, Nick Salazar (2) count(s) 1-4, 5, 6, Geraldine Garcia (3) count(s) 1-4, 6. (Attachments: # 1 Criminal Cover Sheets) (Jones, Robin) (Entered: 02/05/2008); 2/01/2007 SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT as to Eric Contreras (1) count(s) 1s-4s, 6s-8s, Nick Salazar (2) count(s) 1s-4s, 5s, 6s-8s, Geraldine Garcia (3) count(s) 1s-4s, 6s-8s, Jimmie D. Lambert (4) count(s) 1-4, 5, 6-8. (Attachments: # 1 Criminal Cover Sheets) (Jones, Robin) (Entered: 02/06/2008); 3/11/2008 First MOTION to amend/correct 12 Scheduling Order, to add additional deadlines by Jimmie D. Lambert as to Eric Contreras, Nick Salazar, Geraldine Garcia, Jimmie D. Lambert. Suggestions in opposition/response due by 3/26/2008 unless otherwise directed by the court. (Herman (gATY), Russell) (Terminated). At the bottom are "Next" and "Clear" buttons.



8. Modify the docket text as necessary


Click on the drop-down box to open a modifier list. If appropriate, select a modifier. Click in the open text area to type additional text for the description of the pleading. It is NOT necessary to type the complete title of your document in this box; its intent is to add only that additional information necessary to provide distinguishing identifiers. Do not use abbreviations. This text will appear in *italics* on the docket sheet.



The screenshot shows the ECF Motions interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Civil, Criminal, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, and Logout. Below the tabs, the case name "4:08-cr-00001-DW USA v. Contreras et al" and the word "APPEAL" are displayed. A section titled "Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate." contains a text area with the following text: "MOTION to amend/correct [75] MOTION to Dismiss Case filed by Nick Salazar" followed by a red-bordered input field. Below this text is a dropdown menu with a list of modifiers: Alias, Amended, Consent, Counter, Cross, Emergency, First, Interim, Joint, and Monthly. The text "Suggestions in opposition/response due by 1/4/2010 unless otherwise directed by the court. (Attachments: (Smith, Robert))" is also visible.

9. Submit the document to CM/ECF

After completing these steps, click . A new window appears with the complete docket text for the entry. Review the docket text. If you need to modify data on a previous screen, you can click  on the browser's toolbar to find the screen you wish to alter. *Users should be cautious using the  button, as page information is often NOT saved, and the user may encounter some problems and/or have to reenter information and attach documents previously entered/added.*

Note: The full path and filename for any uploaded documents are displayed on the final approval screen. Please confirm that the correct documents have been selected for filing. If the incorrect documents were selected, do not proceed with the filing and either use the  arrow or abort the filing and start over. You can abort the filing by clicking on a menu item in the **Main Menu**.



The screenshot shows the ECF Motions interface with the final docket text. The case name "4:08-cr-00001-DW USA v. Contreras et al" and "APPEAL" are at the top. The "Docket Text: Final Text" section contains: "MOTION to amend/correct [75] MOTION to Dismiss Case by Nick Salazar. Suggestions in opposition/response due by 1/4/2010 unless otherwise directed by the court. (Attachments: # (1) Exhibit A)(Jones, Robin)". Below this is a red-bordered box with the text: "Attention!! Pressing the NEXT button on this screen commits this transaction. You will have no further opportunity to modify this transaction if you continue." Underneath, another red-bordered box lists "Source Document Path (for confirmation only):" followed by two entries: "I:\ECF Docs\Robin\Test Document A.pdf pages:" and "I:\ECF Docs\Robin\Exhibit A.pdf pages: 1". At the bottom, there are "Next" and "Clear" buttons.

10. Receive notification of electronic filing

Do not attempt any other CM/ECF System function or sign off until the Notice of Electronic Filing is displayed. Otherwise, the transmission may be interrupted, and the document will not be filed.

Note: The Notice of Electronic filing represents your electronic file stamp. You should save a copy and/or retain a hard copy in your office file. Select **[File]** on the browser menu bar, choose **Save As . . .** from the drop-down window to save the receipt to a file on your network or the hard drive of your computer.

Select **[Print]** on the browser toolbar to print the document receipt.

The Notice of Electronic Filing provides confirmation that the CM/ECF System has registered your transaction, and the document is an official Court document. The date and time of the transaction is displayed along with the number assigned to the document.

Names and e-mail addresses of the attorneys who are registered CM/ECF users and will receive electronic notice of the electronically filed document are displayed on the Notice of Electronic Filing. Transmission of the Notice of Electronic Filing constitutes service of the filed document on registered CM/ECF users.

If applicable, the names and addresses of individuals who will **not** be electronically notified of the filing will also be displayed on the Notice of Electronic Filing. **It is the filer's responsibility to serve hard copies of the document and the Notice of Electronic filing to attorneys and parties who are not registered for electronic notification. Attorneys are reminded that a copy of all sealed documents must also be sent to opposing counsel, regardless of the opposing attorney's electronic status.**

The screenshot displays the CM/ECF system interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for Civil, Criminal, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, and Logout. The main content area shows the following information:

- Motions**
4:08-cr-00001-DW USA v. Contreras et al
APPEAL
- U.S. District Court
United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri - Test Area
- Notice of Electronic Filing**
The following transaction was entered on 12/18/2009 at 4:54 PM CST and filed on 12/18/2009
Case Name: USA v. Contreras et al
Case Number: 4:08-cr-00001-DW-2
Filer: Docket # 2, Nick Salazar
Document Number: 100
- Docket Text:**
MOTION to amend/correct [75] MOTION to Dismiss Case by Nick Salazar. Suggestions in opposition/response due by 1/4/2010 unless otherwise directed by the court. (Attachments: # (1) Exhibit A)(Jones, Robin)
- 4:08-cr-00001-DW-2 Notice has been electronically mailed to:
Federal Public Defender robin_jones@mow.uscourts.gov
Denise J. Carter (Terminated) bill_terry@mow.uscourts.gov
Lori Carr lori_carr@mow.uscourts.gov
Michael T. Pate bonnie_rowland@mow.uscourts.gov
Robert Smith rsmith1234@yahoo.com
Robin L Jones robin_jones@mow.uscourts.gov
Tom Brown forserverbo@yahoo.com
- 4:08-cr-00001-DW-2 It is the filer's responsibility for noticing the following parties by other means:
Russell Heman (gATY)
Heman & Heman
11111 N. 1st Street
Anytown, MO 12345

E-mail Notification of Documents That Were Filed

After a document is electronically filed, the CM/ECF System sends a Notice of Electronic Filing via e-mail to the designated attorneys who have registered as CM/ECF users to receive electronic notification. Attorneys and parties who receive electronic notification of the filing are permitted **one free look** at the document by clicking on the associated hyperlinked document number embedded in the Notice of Electronic Filing. The one “free look” will expire 15 days from the date the Notice of Electronic Filing was transmitted. Since sealed documents are not available to anyone, absent court order, only the notice of electronic filing is viewable, even to case participants.

The Court strongly suggests that the document be copied to your hard-drive or network for future access. Subsequent retrieval of the case docket sheet and document from CM/ECF must be made through your PACER account and is subject to regular PACER fees.

Filing Other Types of Criminal Documents

To file a document other than a motion or application, make the appropriate selection from the Main Menu bar. The screens that follow will be very similar to those described above for filing a motion. If you have questions regarding filing other documents, please contact our Help Desk at 1-800-466-9302.

Query Feature

Registered participants should use this feature to query CM/ECF for specific case information. To run a Query, click on Query from the Main Menu at the top of the CM/ECF screen.



CM/ECF opens the **PACER Login** screen. You must enter your PACER login and password before CM/ECF will permit you to query the CM/ECF database. Any data entered in the optional Client Code field will appear on the PACER billing statement and is useful for internal billing.

A screenshot of the PACER Login screen. The title 'PACER Login' is in large blue font at the top. Below it is the 'Instructions' section, which says: 'Enter your PACER login and password. If you do not have a PACER login, you may register online at <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>. If you have a CM/ECF filer login and password, and would like to automatically log in to PACER each time you log in as a filer, check the box below.' There is a checkbox labeled 'Make this my default PACER login'. Below this is a note: 'After checking this box, you will only need to use your CM/ECF login and password, either for electronic filing or for viewing documents via PACER.' The 'Authentication' section contains three input fields: 'Login:', 'Password:', and 'Client code:'. At the bottom of the authentication section are two buttons: 'Login' and 'Reset'.

Note: Your PACER login and password are different from your CM/ECF login and password. You must have a PACER account to retrieve, view and print certain documents. You will be charged a fee to access documents, docket sheets and reports from CM/ECF. Keep in mind that PACER charges on a per page basis so limiting that parameter of your report will limit your costs.

After you enter your PACER login and password, CM/ECF opens a Query data entry screen. If you know the number that the Court has assigned to the case, enter in the **Case Number** field and click .

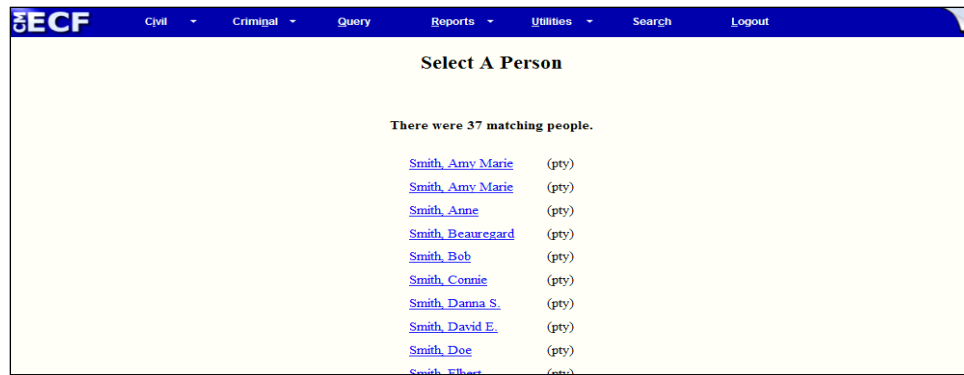
For civil cases users may also query a case by Nature of Suit or Cause of Action. You must enter a range for either the filed date or the last entry date for the query to run. To capture all cases matching your criteria, search from 1/1/1970 to the current date. The system will display all cases that meet the criteria you entered.

Users may also query the CM/ECF database by the name of a party or an attorney in the case. Enter the last name or business name of the party in the appropriate field. At least two consecutive letters must be entered in the “Last Name/Business” field.

If you are unsure about the spelling of a party’s name, enter a portion of the name and an asterisk (*). For example, if the user is unsure if a party’s name is spelled *Haroldson* or *Haroldsen*, enter *Harolds*n*. The results will list both *Haroldson* and *Haroldsen*. Entering *Harold* will display all cases involving parties with the last name starting with *Harold*.

The screenshot shows the CM/ECF Query interface. The 'Case Number' field is highlighted with a red circle. The 'Nature of Suit' dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box, showing options: 0 (zero), 110 (Insurance), and 120 (Contract: Marine). The 'Cause of Action' dropdown menu is also highlighted with a red box, showing options: 0 (No cause code entered), 00:0000 (00:0000 Cause Code Unknown), and 02:0431 (02:431 Fed. Election Commission: Failure Enforce C). The 'Last/Business Name' field is highlighted with a red box, with examples: Desoto, Des*t. The 'First Name' and 'Middle Name' fields are also highlighted with a red box. The 'Run Query' and 'Clear' buttons are at the bottom.

If more than one person or business with the same name is in the database, CM/ECF returns a screen from which to select the correct name. To the right of the party’s name CM/ECF indicates whether they are a party in a case or an attorney.



If the individual is a party in more than one case, CM/ECF will list all of the case numbers associated with that party.



After selecting the case number or party a Query Menu will be displayed. The Query Menu allows a review of specific case information.



From the Query Screen you can perform any of the following:

- **Alias** - See a list of aliases for the parties in the case.
- **Associated Cases** - Retrieve the case numbers of any associated cases.
- **Attorney** - View the names and contact information for all attorneys involved in the case.
- **Case File Location** - View case file location information.
- **Case Summary** - Provides a summary of current case-specific information.
- **Deadline/Hearings** - Review upcoming deadlines and hearings.
- **Docket Report** - Run a docket report.
- **Filers** - See a list of filers in the case.
- **History/Documents** - View the history of the case with the ability to look at a specific date range or certain docket events.
- **Party** - See a list of all parties in the case.
- **Related Transactions** - Find transactions in the case related to one another.
- **Status** - Look at any pending statuses.
- **View a Document** - View a specific document, if the docket entry is known.

Reports

Note: Your PACER login and password are different from your CM/ECF login and password. You must have a PACER account to retrieve, view and print certain documents. You will be charged a fee to access documents, docket sheets and reports from CM/ECF. Keep in mind that PACER charges on a per page basis so limiting that parameter of your report will limit your costs.

Docket Report

CM/ECF allows users to run various reports. The most common report used by the Court and attorneys is the Docket Sheet.

To run a docket report, select **Reports** from the **Main Menu** at the top of the CM/ECF screen.



The next screen gives a list of reports which are available to users. Select **Docket Sheet** from the **Reports** screen. If logged into the system with a Court-issued CM/ECF login, the system will ask for a PACER login and password before displaying the next screen. Since PACER charges based on the number of pages, using the following search features will help you reduce your costs.

Enter your PACER login and password and CM/ECF will open the Docket Sheet report query window.

Case number field: To run a docket report, enter the case number in the **Case number** field and click **Find This Case**. (See black arrow above.)

Date range field: The next fields are the **date range** fields. Use these fields to search for events filed or entered between a specific start date and end date, inclusive. (See blue arrow above.)

If only a start date is entered, the report will include events filed or entered on or after that date. If only an end date is entered, the report will include events filed or entered on or before that date. If the fields are left blank, the report will show all events regardless of filed or entered date, depending on other entries on this screen.

Document range field: If document numbers are entered in the **document range** fields, the events displayed will be limited to those with document numbers between those numbers, inclusive. The system will not display unnumbered events, such as some text only entries. (See red arrow above.)

Enter only a beginning range number and the report will include documents with that number or higher. Enter only an ending range number and the report will include documents with that number or lower. Leave these fields blank and the report will show all documents and events regardless of document number, depending on other entries on this screen

The following options can be selected in addition to the **Case number**, **date range** and **number range** criteria. (See orange arrow above.)

Parties and counsel: If selected, the docket sheet will include the names of the parties, along with their roles and attorneys. If unchecked, the report will include only the heading, the general case information, and the docketed events. This can be useful if there are a lot of parties, and the filing user does not want to print or see those pages.

Terminated parties: If selected, a notation next to the party's name will say that they were terminated as of a particular date. If the box is unchecked, the terminated party will not appear in the caption, but will still appear in any relevant docket entries.

Links to Notices of Electronic Filing: If selected, the docket sheet will have a silver ball next to the docket number of those items which have a Notice of Electronic Filing. If generating the docket to print, it is not necessary to include the links.

Sort by: If selected, the user can specify the order in which the events listed in the report will be sorted. *Oldest date* means that the events will be shown in the order they were filed or entered, with the most recent event at the end of the report. Since oldest date first is the most common display, that is the default selection.

Include headers when displaying PDF documents: If selected, all PDF documents viewed will have a banner at the bottom of each page containing the case number, docket entry number, date filed and page number on it. (See below for an example.)

Case 4:08-cv-00010-SOW Document 19 Filed 04/18/2008 Page 1 of 1

View multiple documents: If selected, users can select multiple documents and combine them into a single PDF file to be viewed or be download into a zip file. Click [here](#) for more details.

Create Appendix: If selected, user can select documents to include in an Appendix for the Court of Appeals. Click [here](#) for more details.

After entering the preferred options for viewing the docket sheet, select Run Report. The docket sheet below was generated using the default values assigned by CM/ECF.

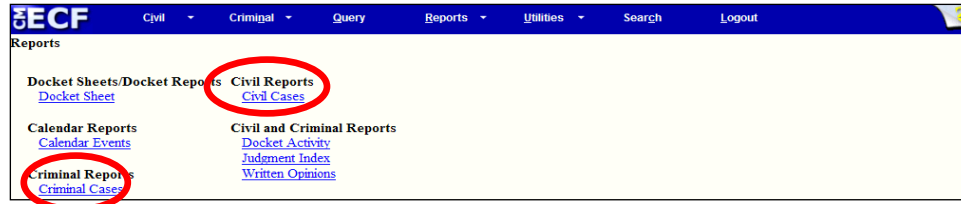
ECF		Civil	Criminal	Query	Reports	Utilities	Search	Logout
CLOSED, EAPADMIN								
U.S. District Court United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri - Test Area (Kansas City) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 4:08-cv-00010-SOW								
Terry v. Barry Assigned to: Sr District Judge Scott O. Wright Demand: \$750,000 Case in other court: Circuit Court of Absolute County, Missouri, 01-23456 Cause: 28:1441 Petition for Removal- Personal Injury				Date Filed: 01/15/2008 Date Terminated: 02/17/2009 Jury Demand: Defendant Nature of Suit: 360 P.I.: Other Jurisdiction: Federal Question				
Plaintiff Barry Terry				represented by Robert Smith Smith, Smith & Smith 2222 Main Street Anytown, MO 55555 (417) 123-4567 Fax: (417) 234-5678 Email: rsmith1234@yahoo.com LEAD ATTORNEY ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED				
V. Defendant Terry Barry				represented by Shirley P Cotton Lerner and Lowe, Inc. 1301 Della Street Boerne, TX 78123 210-666-7788 LEAD ATTORNEY ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED				
Date Filed	#	Docket Text						
01/15/2008	1	NOTICE OF REMOVAL from Circuit Court of Absolute County, Missouri, case number 01-23456, filed by Shirley P Cotton on behalf of Terry Barry. Filing fee \$ 350, receipt number 6514654646. (Attachments: # 1 State Court Petition, # 2 Civil Cover Sheet)(Jones, Robin) (Entered: 04/15/2008)						
01/15/2008	2	ANSWER to Complaint (Notice of Removal) filed by Shirley P Cotton on behalf of Defendant Terry Barry. (Jones, Robin) (Entered: 04/15/2008)						
01/15/2008	3	Notice of EAP assignment to Program Administrator. (Attachments: # 1 EAP General Order)(Jones, Robin) (Entered: 04/15/2008)						

Civil/Criminal Cases Reports

To run a **Civil/Criminal Cases** report, select **Reports** from the **Main Menu** at the top of the CM/ECF screen.



On the Reports screen select either **Civil Cases** or **Criminal Cases**.



The **Civil Cases** and **Criminal Cases** reports provide you with the flexibility to query the CM/ECF database to locate cases electronically filed within a date range, associated to a particular judge, or both.

Users can run the **Civil Cases Report** based on Nature of Suit, Cause of Action and Jurisdiction. The option to include open cases, closed cases or both is available.

The citation code and count status can be used to run the **Criminal Cases Report**. The option to include pending, terminated, fugitive and non-fugitive defendants is also available.

Note: These reports are not subject to the 30 page billing cap.

Civil Cases Report Selection Screen

A screenshot of the Civil Cases Report Selection Screen. The screen displays various search criteria for a report. A red box highlights a warning message: "Warning: This report is not subject to the 30 page billing cap. You will be billed for the total number of pages. If you want to run a report for a single case, you can use the Query Menu or the Docket Report." Below the warning, there are several dropdown menus and input fields: Office (Jefferson City, Joplin), Case type (Civil, EAP-case assignment only), Nature of suit (0 (zero), 110 (Insurance)), Cause (0 (No cause code entered), 00:0000 (00:0000 Cause Code U...)), Jurisdiction (Diversity, Federal Question), Case flags (APPEAL, BCOST), Filed (12/14/2009 to 12/21/2009), Sort by (Case Number), Output Format (Formatted Display, Data Only), and buttons for Run Report and Clear. There are also checkboxes for Open cases and Closed cases.

Criminal Cases Report Selection Screen

Warning: This report is not subject to the 30 page billing cap. You will be billed for the total number of pages. If you want to run a report for a single case, you can use the Query Menu or the Docket Report.

Office: Jefferson City, Joplin
Case types: Courtran, Criminal
Case flags: APPEAL, BCOST
Citation: [dropdown]
Count Status: Pending Disposed
Filed: 12/14/2009 to 12/21/2009
Terminal digit(s): 2, 4, 7
 Pending defendants
 Terminated defendants
 Fugitive defendants
 Non-Fugitive defendants
Sort by: Case Number
Output Format: Formatted Display Data Only
Run Report Clear

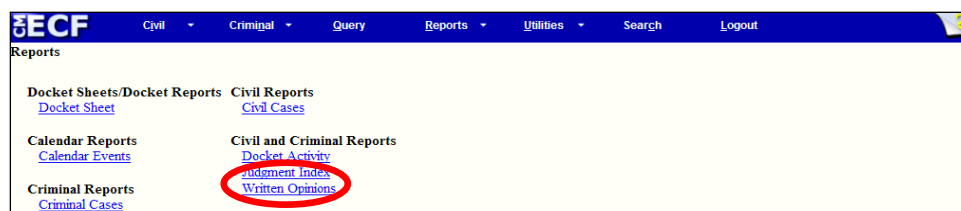
Written Opinions Report

Pursuant to the E-Government Act of 2002, PACER users can view written opinions free of charge.

To run a **Written Opinions** report, select **Reports** from the **Main Menu** at the top of the CM/ECF screen.



On the Reports screen select **Written Opinions**.



There are several search options available. A filed start and end date must be entered. The date automatically defaults to the previous month. Users can search by case number, party, nature of suit, cause of action or case type. Any combination of the preceding options can be selected to narrow the search results.

ECF Civil Criminal Query Reports Utilities Search Logout

Written Opinions Report

Case Number: [input]
Last Name: [input] First Name: [input] Middle Name: [input]
Office: Jefferson City, Joplin
Case Type: Civil, Courtran
Case Flags: APPEAL, BCOST
Nature of: [dropdown]
Cause: [dropdown]
Filed between: 1/21/2009 and 12/21/2009
 Summary text Full docket text
Sort by: Case Number
Run Report Clear

The results will show the case number and the date the order was filed. The case number is an optional link to the docket sheet, but PACER fees will apply if activated. To view the written opinion, click on the document number hyperlink to open the document. Once open, the document can be printed and/or saved.

Case Number & Name:	Date Filed:	Doc. #	Description:	Notes:
2:04-cv-04446-WAK Richardson v. Bax	08/30/2007	4	REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS re 3 MOTION for summary judgment filed by Glenda Richardson Objections to R&R due by 9/12/2007 Signed by Magistrate Judge William A. Knox on 8/22/07. (Richardson, Glenda)	Office: Jefferson City NOS: Civil Rights: Other Cause: 42:2000 Job Discrimination (Age)
	11/15/2007	15	ORDER adopting Report and Recommendations re 4 Report and Recommendations. MOTION motion for summary judgment 3 is denied. Signed by Magistrate Judge William A. Knox on November 15, 2007. (Jones, Robin)	Office: Jefferson City NOS: Civil Rights: Other Cause: 42:2000 Job Discrimination (Age)
2:06-cv-04020-SOW Williams v. Smith	08/24/2006	4	ORDER granting 2 motion to reassign/transfer case to District X. Signed by Judge Scott O. Wright on 8/23/06. (Richardson, Glenda)	Office: Jefferson City Case Flags: CLOSED NOS: Labor: E.R.I.S.A. Cause: 29:1337 E.R.I.S.A.
2:2006-mj-03001-WAK USA v. Skywalker	08/18/2006	13	ORDER granting 12 motion to amend/correct as to Luke Skywalker (1). Signed by Judge William A. Knox on 8/18/06. (Bax, Laura)	Office: Jefferson City

Calendar Events Report

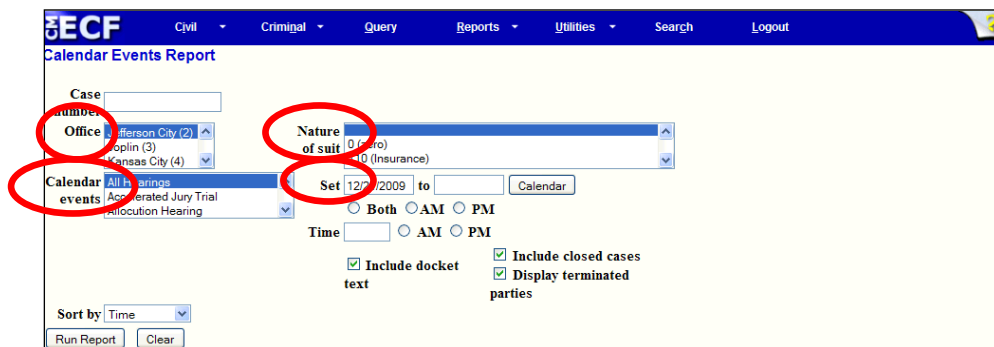
The **Calendar Events Report** displays court proceedings for a selected date range. To run a **Calendar Events** report, select **Reports** from the **Main Menu** at the top of the CM/ECF screen.



On the Reports screen select **Calendar Events**.



Users can search by Office (location), Nature of Suit, Calendar events (hearing type) or date set. Any combination of the preceding options can be selected to narrow the search results.



The **Calendar Event** report will list the date, time and type of hearing. Each entry will include a hyperlink to the case and a description of the docket event that set the hearing. All parties in the case will be listed along with their respective counsel.



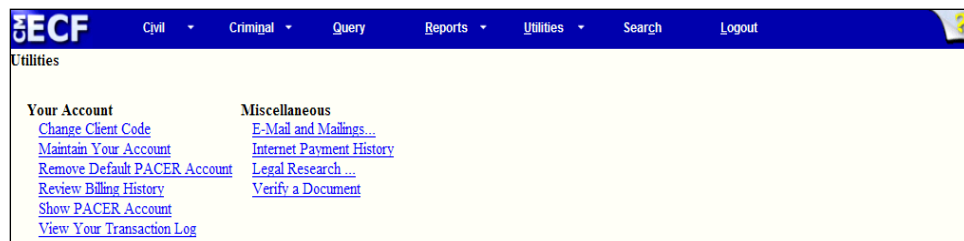
Utilities

The Utilities section of CM/ECF allows registered users to maintain their account, change certain PACER information, view all their CM/ECF transactions, track all internet payments made, link to legal research and review mailing information for a case.

To access the Utilities functions, select **Utilities** from the **Main Menu** at the top of the CM/ECF screen.

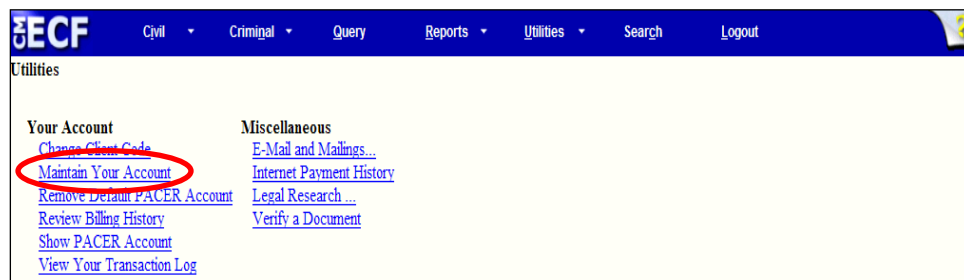


The next screen shows all available **Utilities** options.



Maintain Your Account

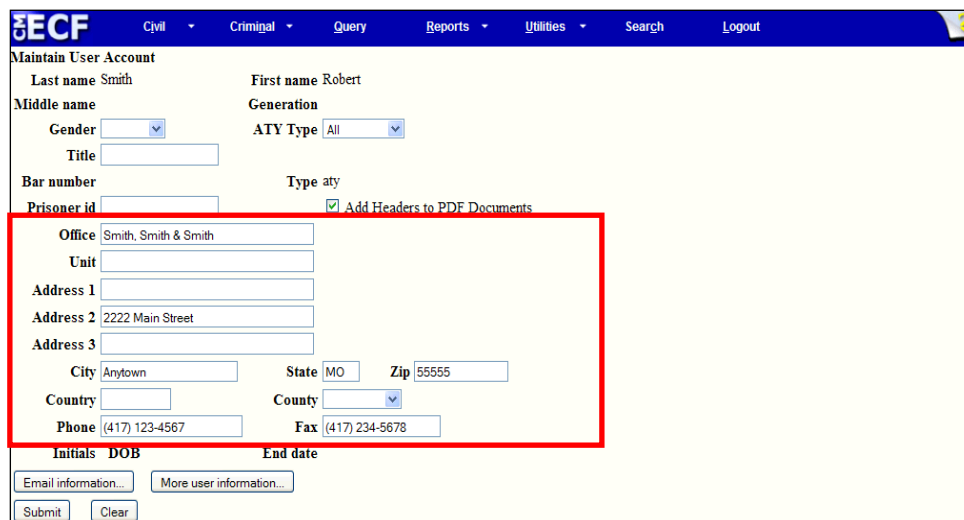
Click on **Maintain Your Account** from the **Utilities** Menu to open the Maintain User Account Screen.



This screen displays all the user registration information that is contained within the CM/ECF database for your account with the Court. This information can only be accessed with your CM/ECF login and password.

Update Address and Phone Information

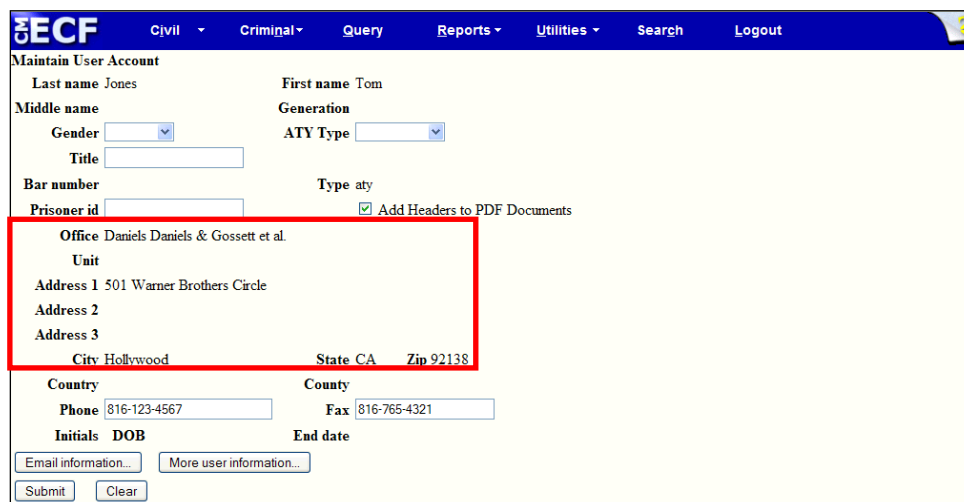
Some users can update their address and phone information from the **Maintain User Account** screen. If location information is displayed in open text boxes, then the information can be updated by the user. The screen below shows information that can be updated by the user.



The screenshot shows the 'Maintain User Account' interface for a user named Robert Smith. The interface includes a navigation bar with 'ECF' and menu items like 'Civil', 'Criminal', 'Query', 'Reports', 'Utilities', 'Search', and 'Logout'. The main form contains fields for personal information (Last name, First name, Middle name, Generation, Gender, Title, Bar number, Prisoner id, ATY Type) and contact information (Office, Unit, Address 1-3, City, State, Zip, Country, Phone, Fax). A red box highlights the contact information section, which includes the Office name 'Smith, Smith & Smith', Unit, Address 1, Address 2 '2222 Main Street', Address 3, City 'Anytown', State 'MO', Zip '55555', Country, and Phone '(417) 123-4567'. There are also buttons for 'Email information...', 'More user information...', 'Submit', and 'Clear'.

If a user's name is linked to a law firm, the user will not be able to make changes to the firm name and address. Changes to the telephone and fax number can be made by the user. When a user is linked to a law firm, a notice of change of address needs to be submitted to the court for any address or firm change.

The information in the screen below is linked to a law firm and cannot be updated by the user.



The screenshot shows the 'Maintain User Account' interface for a user named Tom Jones. The interface is similar to the previous one, but the contact information section is highlighted with a red box. The Office name is 'Daniels Daniels & Gossett et al.', Unit is blank, Address 1 is '501 Warner Brothers Circle', Address 2 is blank, Address 3 is blank, City is 'Hollywood', State is 'CA', and Zip is '92138'. The Phone is '(816)-123-4567' and the Fax is '816-765-4321'. There are also buttons for 'Email information...', 'More user information...', 'Submit', and 'Clear'.

After updating your account information, click.

The next screen displays all cases associated with your account. Select **Update All** to apply the changes to both open and closed cases.

ECF Civil Criminal Query Reports Utilities Search Logout

Searching for existing Attorney Records
Select the cases to be updated

CAUTION: Modifications that you entered on the previous screen can be applied only to the cases you are allowed to access. If the person you are editing is associated with any other cases, information in those cases will not be modified.

If you modified any of the name fields (first, last, middle, generation) on the previous screen, those values will automatically be recorded in all accessible cases to which the person is linked. These changes will apply to all of those cases regardless of whether or not the user selects cases individually or selects the ***Update None*** option.

If you modified items other than the name fields (ex. mailing address fields) on the previous screen, those values will be recorded ONLY in the accessible cases that you select or ALL cases if you choose the ***Update All*** option. If you select the ***Update None*** option, no changes will apply to any cases listed. Click the question mark on the menu bar above for more information.

*** Update All ***
*** Update None ***

0-0111-2223-1 USA v. Doe et al (Defendant)
0-1-cv-817 Green v. Blue (Defendant) Case Term 06/01/2009
0-2-cr-4040-1 USA v. Duno (Defendant)
0-2-cv-619 Terry v. Curl (Plaintiff)
0-2-cv-621 Baltimore v. Washington (Plaintiff) Case Term 06/21/2002
0-2-cv-82002 Harris et al v. Travelers Inn & Hotels (Defendant)
1-1-cv-3111 Johnson v. Brown (Plaintiff)
2-2-cv-4333 Jones v. Mouse (Plaintiff)

Submit Clear

Click **Submit** to transmit the changes to the CM/ECF system. The system will display an account update confirmation screen once the changes have been accepted. Make sure you receive this screen before leaving the **Utilities** menu.

ECF Civil Criminal Query Reports Utilities Search Logout

Updating person record...
Update Person Prid: 38

The update was successful.... prid 38 - Robert Smith

The update was successful...

No e-mail edit requested.

No user update requested

Change Your Password

For security purposes CM/ECF displays a string of asterisks in the Password field to mask your password. Because the password field is masked, if you change your password, the Court cannot access the new password. If you forget your password, the clerk's office can reset it.

To change your CM/ECF password, place your cursor in the Password field, delete the asterisks and type your new password. As you type your new password the characters will be displayed. When you have completed entering your new password, click

Return to Account screen to return to the **Maintain User Account** screen.

ECF Civil Criminal Query Reports Utilities Search Logout

More User Information for Robert Smith

Login RS1234 Last login 12-21-2009 12:27
Password ***** Current login 12-21-2009 12:27
Create date 05/05/2008
Update date 12/04/2009

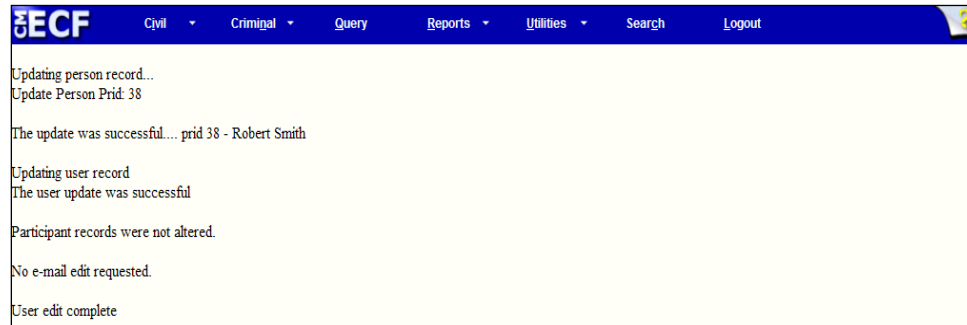
Registered Y
Internet Credit Card Y
Groups Attorney

Return to Account screen Clear

Click on the **Maintain User Account** screen. You will see the screen below. At this point the changes have not been accepted by CM/ECF. Click to submit your changes to the CM/ECF system.



The account update confirmation screen will be displayed. Make sure you receive this screen before leaving the **Utilities** menu.



Note: When making changes to your account, if you do not receive the account confirmation screen, any changes you made HAVE NOT been accepted by the system.

Maintain Your E-Mail Settings

Click on **Maintain Your Account** from the **Utilities** Menu to open the Maintain User Account Screen. To access the **E-mail Information** screen, click [Email information...](#). The E-mail Information screen allows users to update their e-mail address, add secondary e-mail addresses (i.e., paralegal, secretary, or other support staff), request notice for additional cases and specify format and delivery for receiving all Notice of Electronic Filings (NEFs).

The screenshot shows the 'Maintain User Account' screen. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'ECF' and menu items: Civil, Criminal, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, and Logout. The main content area is titled 'Maintain User Account' and contains various input fields for user information. A red circle highlights the 'Email information...' button at the bottom left of the form. Other buttons include 'More user information...', 'Submit', and 'Clear'.

Adding and Changing Primary and Secondary E-Mail Addresses

The initial E-mail Information screen is divided into two panes. In the left pane are the primary e-mail address and secondary e-mail addresses, if any. Select the e-mail address to be updated, or if adding a secondary e-mail address, select **add new e-mail address**.

The screenshot shows the 'Email Information for Robert Smith' screen. It is divided into two panes. The left pane, titled 'Registered e-mail addresses', is highlighted with a red box and contains the following information:
Primary e-mail address: rsmith1234@yahoo.com
Secondary e-mail addresses:
tsmith4321@yahoo.com
[add new e-mail address](#)
At the bottom of the left pane are buttons for 'Return to Person Information Screen' and 'Clear'. The right pane, titled 'Configuration options', contains the text 'Select an e-mail address to configure.' and is currently empty.

After the e-mail address is selected, the current e-mail address and additional configuration options are displayed in the right pane. Delete the existing address and type in the new information. If adding a new secondary e-mail address, type the address in the box. Once the user enters a complete e-mail address, configuration options appear under the e-mail address in the right pane.

The screenshot displays the 'Email Information for Robert Smith' page in the ECF system. The interface is divided into two main columns: 'Registered e-mail addresses' and 'Configuration options'.
Registered e-mail addresses:
- Primary e-mail address: [rsmith1234@yahoo.com](#)
- Secondary e-mail addresses: [rsmith4321@yahoo.com](#) and [add new e-mail address](#)
- Buttons: 'Return to Person Information Screen' and 'Clear'
Configuration options:
- Input field: 'rsmith1234@yahoo.com'
- Radio buttons: 'Should this e-mail address receive notices?' with 'Yes' selected and 'No' unselected.
- Radio buttons: 'How should notices be sent to this e-mail address?' with 'Per Filing' selected and 'Summary Report' unselected.
- Button: 'Show all cases for this e-mail address (Copy case lists from here)'
Case-specific options:
- Input field: 'Add additional cases for noticing'
- Section: 'These cases will send notice per filing. (default method)'
- List of cases:

- 0:00-mj-02223-DW-1 USA v. Doe - Representing John Doe
- 0:01-cv-00817-NKL Green v. Blue (Closed on 06/01/2009) - Representing John Blue
- 0:02-cr-04040-SOW-1 USA v. Duno - Representing Ida Duno
- 0:02-cv-00619-DW Terry v. Curl - Representing Bill Terry
- 0:02-cv-00621-DW Baltimore v. Washington (Closed on 06/21/2002) - Representing Court Baltimore
- 0:02-cv-82002-FJG Harris et al v. Travelers Inn & Hotels - Representing Travelers Inn & Hotels
- 1:01-cv-03111-JCE Johnson v. Brown - Representing Phil Johnson
- 2:02-cv-04333-NKL Jones v. Mouse - Representing Artis L. Jones

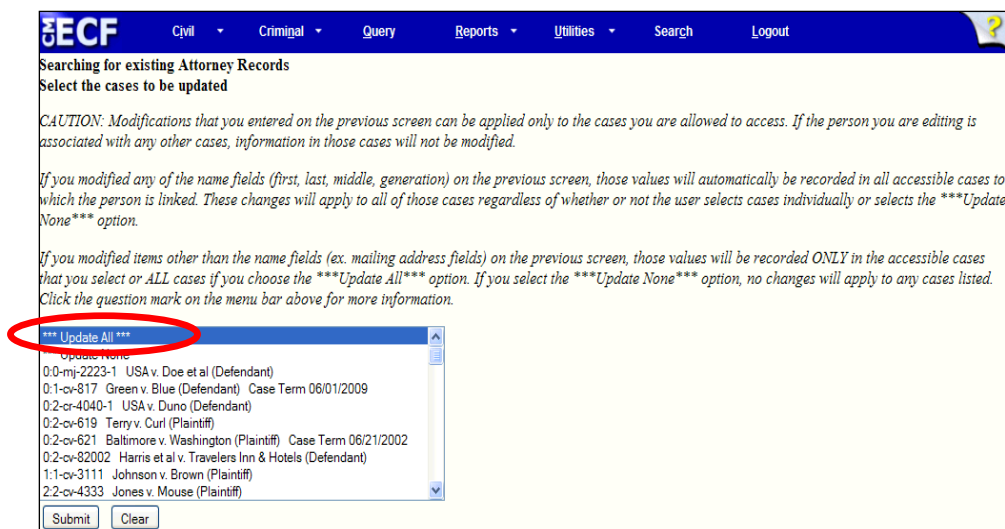
- Buttons: 'Remove selected cases' and 'Change selected cases to notice as a summary report'
- Section: 'These cases will send notice as a summary report. (alternate method)'
- Input field: (empty)
- Buttons: 'Remove selected cases' and 'Change selected cases to notice per filing'

Following is an explanation of each of the configuration options available to users:

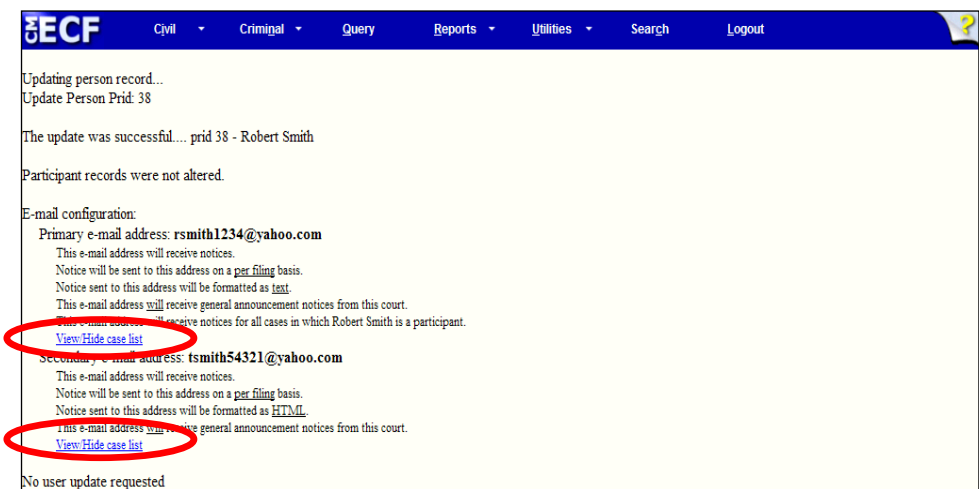
Option	Description
Should this e-mail address receive notices?	CAUTION: This setting should <u>ALWAYS</u> be set to Yes . If set to No , neither the primary e-mail address nor any secondary addresses will receive any <i>Notice of Electronic Filing</i> (NEF) in any cases.
How should notices be sent to this e-mail address?	Sets the default delivery method for notices sent to this address. If Per Filing , an e-mail will be sent for each individual filing. If Summary Report , one daily summary e-mail notice that lists all the filings for that day will be sent; if this option is selected, an additional option is added to the screen: <i>Should this e-mail address receive a “no activity” notice when no summary noticing occurs?</i> If Yes , the Daily Summary Report e-mail will include the message “no transactions found for this time period” if no activity occurs in the cases for which the user is configured to receive summary notices. If No , then no e-mail will be generated when there is no activity in the cases.
In what format should notices be sent to this e-mail address?	Controls the format of the e-mails – either HTML or Text . HTML is the preferred format.
Show all cases for this e-mail address?	Displays a list of all of the cases for which the user is configured to receive NEFs.
Add additional cases for noticing	Allows users to add cases in which they are not a case participant but would like to receive NEFs. There is no free look associated with these Notices.
These cases will send notice <i>per filing. (default method)</i>	An e-mail will be sent for each individual filing.
These cases will send notice <i>as a summary report. (alternate method)</i>	One daily summary e-mail notice that lists all the filings for that day will be sent.

When you have modified the e-mail primary or secondary e-mail address information, click in the left pane to return to the **Maintain User Account** screen. Click on the **Maintain User Account** screen. **You MUST hit the Submit button on THIS screen to save any of the changes made to your email configurations.**

When the primary e-mail address is modified, the next screen will display all cases associated with the account. Select **Update All** to apply the changes to both open and closed cases.



Click **Submit** to transmit the changes to the CM/ECF system. The system will display an account update confirmation screen once the changes have been accepted. Review the e-mail configurations for each e-mail address. To see the complete list of cases for which each e-mail will receive notice, click the **View/Hide case list**. Make sure you receive this screen before leaving the **Utilities** menu.



Add/Remove Additional Cases

To receive NEF's in additional cases which may be of interest, enter a case number or multiple case numbers separated by a comma, in the **Add additional cases for noticing** text field in the bottom right pane and then click **Find This Case**. After selecting the

appropriate case(s), click [Add case\(s\)](#). This will add the case(s) to the list of cases in the service list. To remove cases which are no longer of interest, highlight the case number in the box and click [Remove selected cases](#).

The screenshot shows the ECF system interface for Robert Smith. It includes sections for 'Registered e-mail addresses', 'Configuration options', and 'Case-specific options'. The 'Case-specific options' section is circled in red, highlighting the 'Add additional cases for noticing' input field and the 'Find This Case' button. Below this, there is a list of cases under the heading 'These cases will send notice per filing (default method)'. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Remove selected cases' and 'Change selected cases to notice as a summary report'.

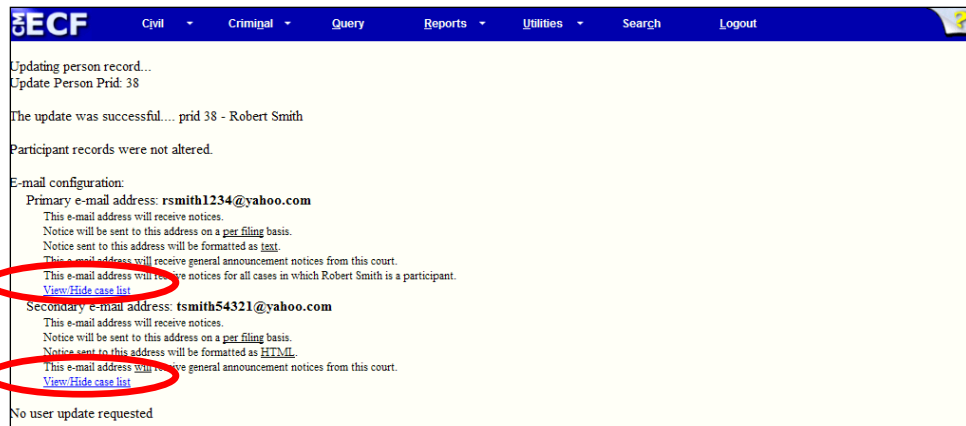
If you wish to receive one daily summary e-mail notice that lists all the filings for that day in a particular case or cases, highlight the case(s) in the **These cases will send notice per filing** box and click [Change selected cases to notice as a summary report](#).

For secondary e-mail addresses, the additional **Should this e-mail address receive notice for all cases in which this individual is a participant?** configuration option is available. By selecting **Yes** users will receive e-mail notification in all of the cases which appear in the **These cases will send notice per filing** box and any future cases in which the primary user appears. Selecting **No** to this option will ensure that the user will not receive notices in any future cases in which the primary user appears.

Secondary e-mail recipients requesting to receive notice in specific cases only should delete all cases for which they do not wish to receive notice from the **These cases will send notice per filing** box. E-mails will be sent to secondary e-mail recipients for all cases listed in the noticing box.

Note: The “free look” does not apply when viewing documents in cases for which you are not a participant. Adding **Additional Cases** allows you to receive the NEF. However, to view the document, you will need to use your PACER account.

Click to [Submit](#) transmit the changes to the CM/ECF system. The system will display an account update confirmation screen once the changes have been accepted. Review the e-mail configurations for each e-mail address. To see the complete list of cases for which each e-mail will receive notice, click the [View/Hide case list](#). Make sure you receive this screen before leaving the [Utilities](#) menu.

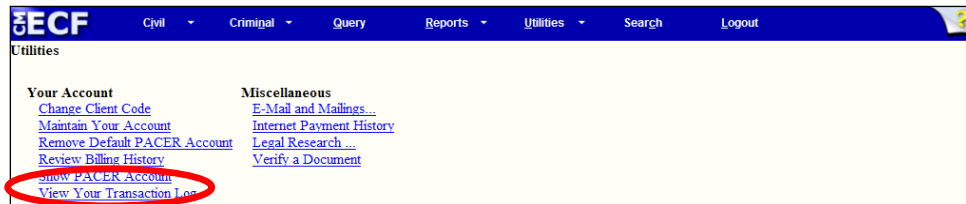


View Your Transaction Log

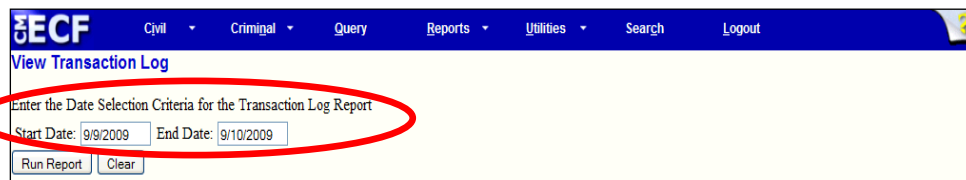
Use this feature of CM/ECF to review your transactions and verify that:

- all of the transactions you entered are reflected in the Transmission Log; and
- no unauthorized individuals have entered transactions into CM/ECF using your login name and password.

From the **Utilities** menu, select **View Your Transaction Log**.



Enter the date range for your report and click .



CM/ECF displays a report of all your transactions within the date range you specified. If you believe or suspect that someone is using your login and password without your permission, change your password immediately, and telephone the court as soon as possible.

Transaction Log				
Report Period: 09/09/2009 - 09/10/2009				
Id	Date	Case Number	Text	
171701	09/09/2009 10:32:28	4-09-cv-5	MOTION to clarify <D>Complaint</D> filed by Robert Smith on behalf of United States of America. Suggestions in opposition/response due by 9/24/2009 unless otherwise directed by the court. (Smith, Robert)	
171717	09/10/2009 10:00:35	4-09-cv-44	Opened New CV Case 4:09-cv-44	
171724	09/10/2009 11:00:31	4-09-cv-44	Opened New CV Case 4:09-cv-44	
171725	09/10/2009 11:02:19	4-09-cv-44	NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY APPEAL filed by Robert Smith on behalf of Harold Thomas. Bankruptcy Court case number 09-456464. File received. Appellant Brief due by 9/25/2009.(Smith, Robert)	

Miscellaneous Utility Features

CM/ECF provides three miscellaneous functions within the **Utilities** feature of the system:

- 1) Mailings
- 2) Internet Payment History
- 3) Legal Research

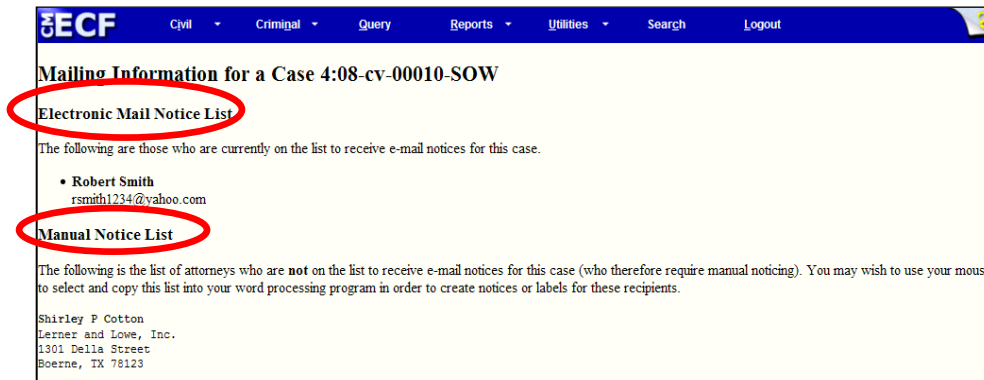


Mailings

Included in the **E-mail and Mailings** feature of CM/ECF is the ability to view mailing information and print mailing labels for a specific case.



Mailing Info for a Case - Enter a case number and click to see which attorneys receive electronic notification and those that require manual noticing. This feature will help the user complete the required Certificate of Service.



Mailing Labels by Case – CM/ECF will display name and address data in label format for a single case. The print function in the browser must be used to print labels, or the screen contents can be copied and then pasted into a word processing program. Users can select all participants for a case or any combination of participants.

Mailing Labels by Case	Search Results
<p>Case number <input type="text" value="4:08-cv-1"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <i>Select ALL participants for case</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Select any combination of the following</p> <p>Participants <input type="text" value="Amicus"/> <input type="text" value="Appellant"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Judges</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attorneys</p> <p>Print format <input type="text" value="1 column"/> <input type="text" value="2 columns"/> <input type="text" value="3 columns"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="Next"/> <input type="button" value="Clear"/></p>	<p>Eddie Bartol Bartol and Braughtworth Suite 5000 818 Grand Boulevard Kansas City, MO 64015</p> <p>Ima Guestaty, II Office of the Guest Attorney 1234 Main Street Kansas City, MO</p> <p>Robin L Jones 400 E. 9th Street Room 1510 Kansas City, MO 64106</p> <p>Carol A. Kelley Paul Hastings Janofsky and Walker 1299 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. 10th Floor Washington, DC 20004</p>

Internet Payment History

The **Internet Payment History** allows users to see a list of payments they have made by credit card or direct debit via the internet for a specified date range. Each entry lists the case number, date and time of the transaction, a description of the docketing event which initiated the transaction, payment method, receipt number and payment amount.

ECF					
U.S. District Court United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri - Test Area Internet Payment History for Smith, Robert 12/4/2009 to 12/21/2009					
Case no.	Date Paid	Description	Payment Method	Receipt #	Amount
4:09-cv-00068	2009-12-04 08:08:23	Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus(4:09-cv-00068) [cmp pwrthc] (5.00)	CreditCard	0866-173127	\$ 5.00
2:07-mc-09998	2009-12-04 08:12:10	Pay Attorney Reinstatement(2:07-mc-09998) [misc feereins] (50.00)	CreditCard	0866-173130	\$ 50.00
2:08-mc-08888-SOW	2009-12-04 08:22:33	Certificate of Good Standing(2:08-mc-08888-SOW) [misc certgs] (15.00)	CreditCard	0866-173139	\$ 15.00

Legal Research

When you click on the **Legal Research** hyperlink from the **Miscellaneous** screen, CM/ECF opens a new screen that contains hyperlinks to a Law Dictionary and a path to your Westlaw and/or Lexis accounts via the Internet.

Additional Information and Features

Transcripts

- In 2008, the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, in accordance with the Judicial Conference Policy on Privacy and Public Access to Electronic Case Files, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2, and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 49.1, implemented a policy regarding official court transcripts. Following is a portion of the policy:

- a. A transcript provided to the court by a court reporter or transcriber will be available at the Clerk's Office, for inspection only, for a period of 90 days after it is filed.
 - b. During the 90-day period, a copy of the transcript may be purchased from the court reporter or transcriber at the rate established by the Judicial Conference. Any attorney of record who has purchased a copy of the transcript from the court reporter or transcriber will be given remote electronic access to the transcript through the court's CM/ECF system.
 - c. After the 90-day period has ended, or longer if ordered by the court, the transcript will be available to download through PACER, for copying at the Clerk's Office, and for purchase from the court reporter or transcriber.
2. The policy applies solely to transcripts filed on or after June 9, 2008, of proceedings held before the United States District Judges and Magistrate Judges for the Western District of Missouri and recorded by Official Court Reporters, Contract Court Reporters, and Electronic Court Recorder Operators. The policy does not apply to depositions, proceedings of state courts, other jurisdictions, or sealed transcripts.
 3. The policy establishes a procedure for counsel to request the redaction from the transcript of specific personal data identifiers before the transcript is made remotely available electronically to the general public.
 4. Please visit www.mow.uscourts.gov to view the complete transcript policy.

Universal Event and Menu Search

CM/ECF has a universal event and menu search option which allows users to search for a main menu item or event.

To search for a menu item or event, select **Search** from the **Main Menu** at the top of the CM/ECF screen.



A dialog box is displayed allowing the user to enter the partial or full name of the event the user is trying to locate.



The search feature will search for complete words as well as partial words. Searching for the letter combination “dis” will bring up any **events** or **menu items** with the “dis” combination, i.e., dismiss, disqualify, discovery, etc. Each item is a hyperlink to the corresponding menu item or event, so the user can access the menu item from the search results screen.



Viewing Multiple Documents from the Docket Sheet

CM/ECF provides the ability to select and view (or save) multiple documents at one time from a docket sheet. The multiple document view saves the user time and effort when they know there are several documents they wish to view (or save). A user can view the documents or download (save) the selected documents into a zip file.

To run a docket report, enter the case number in the **Case number** field and click [Find This Case](#). Click [View multiple documents](#) from the Docket Sheet report query window. If needed, select other options for the docket sheet.



The docket sheet will display with check boxes where there are documents to be selected. Check the box for each document you wish to view. At the bottom of the docket sheet are two options:

- The [View Selected](#) button will display the selected documents in one display window. **If you save the PDF documents, they will be saved as one PDF document.**

- The **Download Selected** button will download the PDF documents into a ZIP file. Once the user selects a destination directory and filename, the ZIP file is saved in the specified location. **The ZIP file is stored in a format that results in separate files upon decompression.**

Date Filed	#	clear	Docket Text
02/02/2007	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	NOTICE OF REMOVAL by QuikTrip Corporation from Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, case number 0516-088198. (Filing fee \$ 350) filed by Robin L. Jones on behalf of QuikTrip Corporation.(Jones, Robin) (Additional attachment(s) added on 11/16/2007: # 1 State Court Petition, # 2 Civil Cover Sheet) (Jones, Robin). (Entered: 02/02/2007)
02/02/2007	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	NOTICE OF REMOVAL by QuikTrip Corporation from CC of Jackson County, Missouri, case number 0516-78390. (Filing fee \$ 350 receipt number 183711) filed by Russell Herman (gATY) on behalf of QuikTrip Corporation.(Herman (gATY), Russell) (Entered: 02/02/2007)
02/15/2007	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOTION to dismiss party (Suggestions in opposition/response due by 3/3/2007 unless otherwise directed by the court), MOTION for partial summary judgment filed by Russell Herman (gATY) on behalf of QuikTrip Corporation. Suggestions in opposition/response due by 3/21/2007 unless otherwise directed by the court (Terry, Bill) Modified on 11/13/2007 to correct date filed (Jones, Robin). (Entered: 02/16/2007)
10/19/2007	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOTION to join filed by Russell Herman (gATY) on behalf of QuikTrip Corporation. Suggestions in opposition/response due by 11/3/2007 unless otherwise directed by the court. (Herman (gATY), Russell) (Entered: 10/19/2007)
10/19/2007	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	ORDER granting 4 motion to join Signed by Chief District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan on October 19, 2007.(Jones, Robin) (Entered: 10/19/2007)
07/22/2008	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	ORDER TRANSFERRING REASSIGNING CASE. Case reassigned to Sr District Judge Scott O. Wright for all further proceedings. Chief District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr no longer assigned to case Signed by Chief District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr on July 22, 2008. (Jones, Robin) (Entered: 07/22/2008)
07/22/2008	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	ORDER TRANSFERRING REASSIGNING CASE. Case reassigned to District Judge David G Kays for all further proceedings. Sr District Judge Scott O. Wright no longer assigned to case Signed by Sr District Judge Scott O. Wright on 7/22/2008. (Jones, Robin) (Entered: 07/22/2008)
01/22/2009	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	SCHEDULING ORDER: Discovery due by 3/2/2009. Pretrial Conference set for 4/15/2009 09:00 AM in Chambers before David Kays. Jury Trial set for 5/1/2009 09:00 AM in Courtroom 8D, Kansas City (DGK) before David Kays. Dispositive Motions due by 4/1/2009. Signed by Distnict Judge David G Kays on 1/12/09. (Martinez, Alexandra) (Entered: 01/22/2009)

or

Viewing Multiple Documents for One Docket Entry

CM/ECF provides the ability to view (or save) multiple attachments for a single docket entry at the same time. The multiple attachment view saves the user time when they know there are several attachments related to a single document.

After entering a valid case number on the Docket Sheet screen, the **Run Report** button becomes active and allows you to run the docket report. The docket entries are displayed with hyperlinks to the documents. Clicking on any document that has attachments brings up a display listing the main document and each attachment. At the bottom of the docket sheet are two options:

- The **View All** button will display the selected documents in one display window. **If you save the PDF documents they will be saved as one PDF document.**
- The **Download All** button will download the PDF documents into a ZIP file. Once the user selects a destination directory and filename, the ZIP file is saved in the specified location. **The ZIP file is stored in a format that results in separate files upon decompression.**

The **View multiple documents** checkbox does not have to be checked to use this feature.

Attachment	Description	Page Count	File Size
Document Number: 3		1 page	6 kb
1	Exhibit A	1 page	6 kb
2	Exhibit B	1 page	6 kb
<input type="button" value="View All"/> or <input type="button" value="Download All"/>		3 pages	18 kb

Create an Appendix

One of the options on the Docket Report screen is **Create Appendix**. Users can select the **Create Appendix** option to include an Appendix for the Court of Appeals. Documents can be selected from the Docket Report for aggregation into a single PDF file.

From the Docket Report Screen, select **Create Appendix**.



The screenshot shows the ECF Docket Sheet interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'ECF' logo and menu items: Civil, Criminal, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, and Logout. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Docket Sheet'. The main content area includes a 'Case number' field with the value '4:08-cv-10' and a '(closed 02/17/2009)' status. There are radio buttons for 'Filed' (selected) and 'Entered'. Below these are 'Documents' selection fields. The 'Include:' section has checkboxes for 'Parties and counsel', 'Terminated parties', 'List of member cases', and 'Links to Notices of Electronic Filing'. The 'Document options:' section has checkboxes for 'Include headers when displaying PDF documents', 'View multiple documents', and 'Create Appendix' (which is circled in red). At the bottom, there is a 'Sort by' dropdown menu set to 'Oldest date first' and two buttons: 'Run Report' and 'Clear'.

When the Docket Report is run with the *Create Appendix* option selected, the following four radio buttons and options are included at the bottom of the report:

Creating an Appendix with the *Include full docket sheet* Option: When selected, a full docket sheet will be generated and included in the Appendix.

Creating an Appendix with the *Include abridged docket sheet* Option: When selected, an abridged docket sheet containing only the entries selected will be generated and included with the Appendix.

Creating an Appendix with the *Include documents in Appendix* Option: When selected, the documents selected for inclusion in the Appendix are appended to the docket sheet in PDF format.

Creating an Appendix with the *Include document hyperlinks in Appendix* Option: When selected, a PDF version of the docket sheet that **does not** include the documents is generated. This PDF version of the docket sheet includes document hyperlinks which direct the user clicking on them back to the Western District of Missouri's CM/ECF application to view the documents.

The *Sort Order* column allows users to specify the order in which documents are included in the Appendix. Any documents with a sort order specified will be included in the order by their sorted number, before documents that don't have a specified sort order. The table of contents (bookmarks) for the aggregated PDF file will be in the same order as the included documents.

United States District Court
 United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri - Test Area (Kansas City)
 CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: [4:08-cv-00010-SOW](#)

Terry v. Barry
 Assigned to: Sr District Judge Scott O. Wright
 Demand: \$750,000
 Case in other court: Circuit Court of Absolute County, Missouri, 01-23456
 Cause: 28.1441 Petition for Removal- Personal Injury

Date Filed: 01/15/2008
 Date Terminated: 02/17/2009
 Jury Demand: Defendant
 Nature of Suit: 360 P.L.: Other
 Jurisdiction: Federal Question

Plaintiff
 Barry Terry

represented by **Robert Smith**
 Smith, Smith & Smith
 222 Main Street
 Anytown, MO 55555
 (417) 123-4567
 Fax: (417) 234-5678
 Email: rsmith123@yahoo.com
 LEAD ATTORNEY
 ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

V.

Defendant
 Terry Barry

represented by **Shirley P Cotton**
 Lemer and Lowe, Inc.
 1301 Della Street
 Boerne, TX 78123
 210-666-7788
 LEAD ATTORNEY
 ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

Date Filed	#	clear	Sort Order	Docket Text
12/11/2008	51	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ORDER granting 50 motion for summary judgment. Signed by Sr District Judge Scott O. Wright on December 11, 2008. (Jones, Robin) (Entered: 12/11/2008)
12/11/2008	52	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOTION for summary judgment (SEALED) filed by Shirley P Cotton on behalf of Terry Barry. Suggestions in opposition/response due by 1/13/2009 unless otherwise directed by the court (Jones, Robin) (Entered: 12/11/2008)

Footer format: Include full docket sheet Include documents in Appendix
 (Numbers, letters, spaces, and <pagenum> only) Include abridged docket sheet Include document hyperlinks in Appendix

If all the documents in the case would together exceed the maximum allowable file size, then the file sizes for each individual document would appear on the screen.

05/29/2009	234	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	34.6 KB	NOTICE OF REMOVAL from Platte County, case number 09-579489, filed by Siobhan Brogan on behalf of William Terry(Officer of the Court). (Brogan, Siobhan) (Entered: 05/29/2009)
05/29/2009	235	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	34.6 KB	COMPLAINT against Jo-Ann Barnhart filed by Siobhan Brogan on behalf of William Terry(Officer of the Court) Service due by 9/29/2009. (Brogan, Siobhan) (Entered: 05/29/2009)
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Some users have reported when trying to print large dockets other reports from the CM/ECF system that they have received an error message stating: “Data Missing – This document resulted from a POST operation and has expired from the cache. If you wish you can report the form data to recreate the document by pressing the reload button”. To fix this problem, we recommend dramatically increasing the size of your cache.

I have logged into CM/ECF but I do not get all of the docket entries. Why is this happening?

The cache on your computer may be full. Cache is a location on your hard drive where data is stored. When you search the Internet, your computer keeps track of every page you have visited and saves this information on our hard drive. If this file becomes large (i.e., many pages have been searched), the result may be a loss of data. Consult your IT support personnel about how to clear your cache.

Which browsers are not compatible with CM/ECF?

Recent versions of Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, and Safari are supported. Other browsers are not supported but may work.

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This is called “flowing”. Depending on the font, the printer selected, and other characteristics of the content, a document may undergo some changes when it’s converted into PDF. Set your PDF Writer as the default printer BEFORE opening the WordPerfect or Word document. Setting the PDF writer as your default printer will allow pagination to occur as you work on the document, thereby assuring proper page breaks in the final document.

Are there any reasons why I wouldn’t receive my court generated Notice of Electronic Filing via e-mail?

The most common reason for non-delivery is that our court e-mail has been identified as spam either by the recipient or automatically by the Internet Service Provider (ISP). If a recipient inadvertently identified a previous court email as spam, the ISP may be blocking e-mail from the court. Contact your ISP to rectify this situation. Some ISP’s may automatically route court e-mail to a junk mail folder. Go into your junk mail folder and mark the e-mail from the court as “not junk mail”.

When I log into my account I get a screen that says I’m already logged in. What causes this and what should I do?

Failing to select “Logout” when exiting can cause this. Also, since your login and password substitute for your signature, you are only allowed to have one session open at a time. You will also receive this message if someone else has logged into your account. You should click “Continue Login” to enter the system. Doing so will boot any other user of this account off the system.

When I click on the link in my e-mail, why am I prompted for a login?

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