

Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts

CM/ECF ***Release Notes***

Public Access Changes

Appellate Release 2.1

April 2009
2.1.2 Update

Overview

Release 2.1 of the Appellate CM/ECF application contains new features for Appellate PACER access and Appellate Electronic Case Filing. This document is provided as a resource for PACER and attorney users who were using the CM/ECF release 2.0.3 software and will now be accessing PACER or filing electronically in Appellate Release 2.1.

Release 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 included a few small changes for Appellate PACER access and Appellate Electronic Case Filing. The updates are listed in this document with the relevant release number noted in bold.

Public Access Changes

1 All PACER Users

1.1 New Checkbox View Multiple Documents

The PACER Docket Report now includes several new features for combining multiple docket entries and related PDF documents into one combined PDF document. A new check box, View Multiple Documents, is available on the Docket Report Filter page.

In release **2.1.2**, an update was made to now make this check box default a checked.

Docket Report Filter

- Originating Docket Information**
- Prior Cases**
- Associated Cases**
- Panel Assignment**
- Party/Attorney List**
- Caption**
- Docket Entries**
 - View Multiple Documents

From: **To:**

If selected, two options display at the bottom of the docket entry section in the Full Docket Report page with the following labels: “Documents and Docket Summary” and “Documents Only”. In addition, a checkbox will display next to each docket entry allowing the PACER user to select which documents to combine. Below the new checkbox, the total number of pages and file size for the docket entry’s main document and any attachments are listed. At the bottom of the report, the total number of pages and file size for *all* selected entries will be automatically summed. Once the user is finished selecting the desired entries and one of the options, he/she will select the View Selected button to view the combined PDF.

Full Docket Report Page with View Multiple Documents Option

07/20/2008	<input type="checkbox"/>	[6014244] Civil case docketed. Preliminary record filed. DATE RECEIVED.: [08-1500]
07/21/2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 	[6014246] [6014246-1] MOTION filed by Mr. Brian Christophers Cohen, Jr., Esq. for N appendix until 07/31/2008 at 08:30 am. Document(s) uploaded: MOTION.pdf, MOTION
07/23/2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 	Opinion Filed denying extending time to file appendix until 07/31/2008. OPINION.pdf [08
07/24/2008	<input type="checkbox"/>	[6014247] RESPONSE filed by [6014246-2] motion extend time to file appendix filed by Beverage and Whitney Anne Turner in 08-1500. Docket part [6014247-2] was added. [0
07/24/2008	<input type="checkbox"/> 	[6014249] ORDER filed denying [6014246-2] motion extend time to file appendix filed by Beverage and Whitney Anne Turner before En Banc tt [08-1500]
07/25/2008	<input type="checkbox"/> 	APPENDIX [08-1500]

Documents and Docket Summary
 Documents Only

Include page numbers

Selected Pages: Selected Size: (Max: 10 MB)

If the user selects the View Selected button without first selecting any entries, the following error message displays:

No entries were selected for display!
Please go back and select the desired documents.

If the user selects the “Documents and Docket Summary” option, the combined PDF document will include a summary report of the selected entries on the first page of the PDF.

The report includes the following information for each selected docket entry:

- Filed - docket entry filing date
- Document Description - hyperlink to document(s) and document description
- Page - the page number for the document
- Docket Text - docket text for the selected entry

Example Docket Summary Report

Selected docket entries for case 08-1500			
Generated: 07/25/2008 19:06:09			
Filed	Document Description	Page	Docket Text
07/24/2008	 ORDER	2	[6014249] ORDER filed denying [6014246-2] motion extend time to file appendix filed by Attorney Mr. Brian Christophers Cohen, Jr., Esq. for Appellant Miss Hilary Jennifer Beverage and Whitney Anne Turner before En Banc tt [08-1500]
07/24/2008			[6014247] RESPONSE filed by [6014246-2] motion extend time to file appendix filed by Attorney Mr. Brian Christophers Cohen, Jr., Esq. for Appellant Miss Hilary Jennifer Beverage and Whitney Anne Turner in 08-1500. Docket part [6014247-2] was added. [08-1500]
07/23/2008	 OPINION	3	Opinion Filed denying extending time to file appendix until 07/31/2008. OPINION.pdf [08-1500]
07/21/2008			[6014246] [6014246-1] MOTION filed by Mr. Brian Christophers Cohen, Jr., Esq. for Miss Hilary Jennifer Beverage and Whitney Anne Turner to extend time to file appendix until 07/31/2008 at 08:30 am. Document(s) uploaded: MOTION.pdf; MOTION_ATTACHMENT.pdf . [08-1500]
	 MOTION	5	
	 MOTION - ATTACHMENT	9	
07/20/2008			[6014244] Civil case docketed. Preliminary record filed. DATE RECEIVED:. [08-1500]

Prior to viewing the combined PDF document, the Download Confirmation page will display listing a transaction receipt (if configured for the PACER user) for *each* selected entry. The confirmation page includes a summary of the total billed pages and total cost. A billing receipt is generated for the Docket Summary Report.

Sample Download Confirmation

Download Confirmation

Document: Multiple PDF Documents (Case Number: 07-5740)

Click on the "Accept Charges and Retrieve" button ONCE at the bottom of this page to download the document(s).
If you download this document, your PACER account will be billed according to the table(s) below:

PACER Service Center			
Transaction Receipt			
04/22/2008 16:05:28			
PACER Login:	au0248	Client Code:	test
Description:	Multiple Document Rpt	Search Criteria:	Case: 07-5740
Billable Pages:	1	Cost:	0.08

PACER Service Center			
Transaction Receipt			
04/22/2008 16:05:28			
PACER Login:	au0248	Client Code:	test
Description:	PDF Document	Search Criteria:	Case: 07-5740, Document: 01219692083
Billable Pages:	1	Cost:	0.08

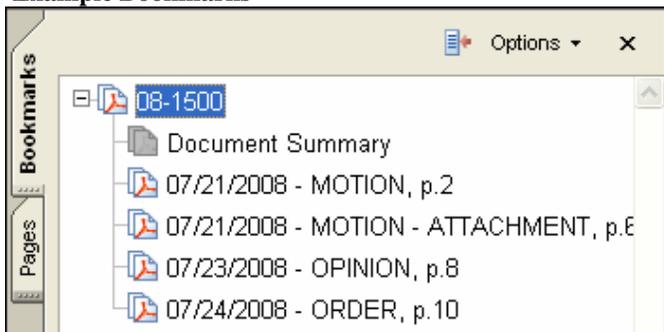
Total Billed Pages: 2
Total cost: 0.16

Show PDF Header

Accept Charges and Retrieve

Once the user accepts the charges, the combined PDF document will display and if the Docket Summary option was included, the first page will include the summary report. A bookmark feature is also available to the PACER user to allow easy navigation among the selected documents. The user can access the bookmarks by selecting the Bookmarks tab. The format for the bookmarks is based on the court configuration of the Docket Report and whether the court is setup to display documents as numbers or icons. The example bookmarks shown below are for a court set up to use document icons.

Example Bookmarks



1.2 Hyperlinks for Associated Cases on Docket Report

The Associated Cases and Prior Cases section on the Docket Report was modified to display the case numbers as a hyperlink. The hyperlink will now take the user directly to the Docket Report for the selected case number.

Prior Cases: None				
Current Cases:				
	Lead	Member	Start	End
Consolidated	07-5740	07-5780	04/18/2008	

1.3 Hyperlinks for Originating Case Numbers

Previously, the originating case number hyperlink was only available on the PACER Case Selection page. Now, the originating court information section on the Docket Report also displays the originating case number as a hyperlink to the originating court. The hyperlink will take the user directly to the originating court's query or docket report page based on the circuit court's configuration.

Originating Court Information: District: 0973-5 : 0:07-cv-6661-ECM Sentencing Judge: Fernanda Q. Martin, U.S. District Judge Date Filed: 08/01/2007
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1.4 Registration for Court Reporters

A new court reporter radio button has been added to the PACER Service Center interface, so that a public user can register as a court reporter. If a particular court is not accepting court reporters for ECF registration, a message will indicate this in the e-mail that is sent after the registration process is complete.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Prefix:	<input type="text"/>
First Name:*	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name:	<input type="text"/>
Last Name:*	<input type="text"/>
Generation:	<input type="text"/>
Suffix:	<input type="text"/>
Title:	<input type="text"/>
Gender:	<input type="text"/>
Last 4-digits of SSN:*	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth:*	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Primary E-Mail Address:*	<input type="text"/>
Verify Primary E-Mail:*	<input type="text"/>

Are you:

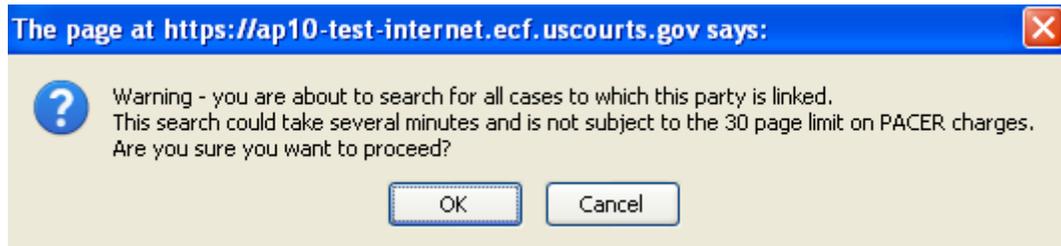
- an attorney?
- a pro se filer?
- a court reporter?
- other (not a public filer)?

1.5 Confirmation Page Change for PACER Users with Receipts Turned Off

2.1.1: Previously, a confirmation page that confirmed the case, document numbers and size, and option for inclusion of PDF header always displayed for PACER users when accessing a document even if the user had their account setting preference for billing receipts turned off. A change was made to no longer display this confirmation page for PACER users with receipts turned off thus including the PDF Header is now the default for all PACER users with receipts turned off.

1.6 New PACER Warning Message

2.1.1: The Case Query page in PACER displays the party and attorney names as hyperlinks, and if a user selects the hyperlink a search is performed for all cases in which the person is linked. This could result in hundreds of pages of results; therefore, a new warning message was added before the search is performed allowing the user to confirm the search.



1.7 PDF Header Fix

2.1.2: Previously, when a PACER user with billing receipts turned off combined PDF documents, the PDF header was not automatically added. An update was made now to always show the PDF header when combining PDF documents, and the PACER user has billing receipts turned off.

2 Attorney Users

2.1 Daily Summary Recipients

The daily summary email format now displays the case title in brackets after the display of the case number.

Daily Summary of ECF Activity on 04/18/2008

Activity has occurred in the following cases:

[07-5740](#) [Matthews v. Smithson], Response
(no document)

Docket Text:

[6013393] Response filed to motion to dismiss case. [07-5740, 07-5780]

[07-5740](#) [Courtney v. Smithson, et al], Motion
[Documents](#)

Docket Text:

[6013395] Motion filed to extend time to file a brief. [07-5740, 07-5780]

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2.2 New ECF Warning Message

In release **2.1.2**, the Administrative Office is taking a number of steps to ensure that the privacy protections established in the federal rules can be more easily followed; therefore, a new notice will display on all court's main ECF login page to help remind litigants of their obligation under the law to redact personal identifier information.

IMPORTANT: All filings with the court - including attachments - must comply with Fed. R. App. P. 25(a)(5): Social Security or taxpayer-identification numbers; dates of birth; names of minor children; financial account numbers; and home addresses in criminal cases, may **not** appear except as allowed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2, Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1 or Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037.