

The Next Generation of CM/ECF (NextGen) is Coming Soon.

Prepare now, and avoid delays logging in later.

What Is Changing?

In the months ahead, the **U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana** will be upgrading its Case Management/Electronic Case Filing System (CM/ECF) to the Next Generation of CM/ECF (NextGen). This upgrade will provide users with several benefits including Central Sign-On, 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. The Northern District of Indiana plans to upgrade to NextGen on **November 8, 2021**.

What You Need to Do Now

Step 1. Obtain Your Own PACER Account

Attorneys are being asked to prepare for the NextGen implementation now by obtaining their own PACER account. Shared PACER accounts will no longer be useable once the court has upgraded, therefore, you **MUST** have your own individual PACER account.

Register for a new PACER account by clicking here: <https://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/pscof/regWizard.jsf>

If you already have your own PACER account, then proceed to Step 2.

Firms may set up a PACER Administrative Account to help manage attorney/limited user accounts and have those individual accounts centrally billed for PACER access fees. Complete information regarding PACER Administrative Accounts (PAAs) can be found here: https://www.pacer.gov/reg_firm.html.

Important Note to CJA Attorneys - We recommend CJA attorneys **NOT** upgrade until closer to our implementation date. Upgrading prior to that time will create more steps for you in your exempt CJA attorney role. Upgrading a few days before or immediately after our implementation date will ensure minimal impact. After our NextGen implementation, your single Central Sign-On account will accommodate you in both roles - as a CJA and non-CJA attorney. Instructions will be posted on the court's website prior to the NextGen upgrade and a link to those instructions will be sent to all CJA panel attorneys.

Step 2. Upgrade Your Existing PACER Account

If you have your own individual PACER account and it was created prior to August 11, 2014 (also known as a Legacy account), you must upgrade your account before you can electronically file in a NextGen court.

Q: How do I know if I have an upgraded PACER account?

A: Upgraded PACER accounts have usernames with at least 8 characters. If your username is 6 characters, you do not have an upgraded account.

[Instructions for Upgrading your PACER account](#)

After reviewing the above instructions, click here to manage your account:

<https://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/pscof/login.jsf>

Questions regarding your PACER account should be directed to PACER at pacer@psc.uscourts.gov or by calling (800) 676-6856. Answers to frequently asked questions may be found at

<https://pacer.uscourts.gov/help/faqs/nextgen-cm-ecf>.

Step 3. Make Note of the CM/ECF Login User ID and Password Which You are Currently Using

Do not rely upon your login information being saved in your web browser. It will be lost and not recoverable once the court goes live with NextGen. If you do not know your current CM/ECF password, you can use the **Password Reset Link** provided on the Northern District of Indiana's CM/ECF login page: [CM/ECF USDC-INND Live login \(uscourts.gov\)](#). Please note, however, that the password reset link will not be available after **November 5**.

If you need further assistance retrieving or resetting your current CM/ECF login/password, please contact the Clerk's Office via email at attorney_maintenance@innd.uscourts.gov or by phone at (574) 246-8045.

What Happens Next?

ON or AFTER the Court's GO LIVE date of **November 8, 2021**, you must link your upgraded PACER account to your current CM/ECF account. **Linking instructions will be provided closer to the Go-Live date.**

Questions About Next Gen

For more information on the improvements and the upgrade process, including several Electronic Learning Modules, please visit <https://www.pacer.gov/nextgen>.

Please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office directly with any questions:

Alex Edgar: 574-246-8045

Kim Cather: 574-246-8012