

Court Resources

Please visit the courts website at www.wawb.uscourts.gov and click on the **NextGen & Electronic Filing** tab at the top of the page to view documentation as well as links to PACER electronic learning modules and FAQs.



PACER Resources



www.PACER.gov

Electronic Learning Modules:

<https://www.pacer.gov/ecfcbt/cso/>

FAQs:

<https://www.pacer.gov/nextgen/>

PACER Service Center:

(800) 676-6856

PACER@psc.uscourts.gov

Court Locations

Seattle Office

GENERAL INFORMATION
AND ECF HELP: (206) 370-5200

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fr

Tacoma Office

GENERAL INFORMATION
AND ECF HELP: 253-882-3900

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri

Reach us via Live Chat on
the court's website

www.wawb.uscourts.gov



Please note, CM/ECF will be unavailable for electronic filing from Friday, February 1, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. thru Monday, February 4, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.



Go-Live Date

February 4, 2019

**Western
Washington
Bankruptcy Court**

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Next Generation of CM/ECF

The Judiciary's Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system is the means by which judges, court staff, attorneys, and other public users electronically file, review, and download case information. The system is fully implemented in all federal courts.

The Judiciary is transitioning to a Next Generation of CM/ECF (NextGen). It was first released to a group of pilot courts in 2014 and a full transition is expected over several years. The first release includes new sign-on functionality which gives users access to both PACER and electronic filing for all NextGen courts in which the user is authorized to file electronically, from a single account.

NextGen Goals

- Greater integration among the district, bankruptcy and appellate systems
- Shared data with other Judiciary electronic systems
- More streamlined processes
- Greater consistency in user experience, especially for external users
- Greater efficiency by using new tools and technology

On February 1, 2019, the Western District of Washington Bankruptcy Court will begin 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: the ability for e-filing attorneys to access any NextGen court within which they practice using one login and password.

Central Sign-On allows all CM/ECF users to maintain one account across all courts (appellate, district, and bankruptcy) and to sign in one time to access all the courts in which they have permission to e-file. Each user is identified with the appropriate level of access in each court. The PACER Service Center supports outside user requests for attorney admissions and e-filing recognition from various courts. Courts continue to be responsible for admitting attorneys and assigning e-filing permissions to users.

In order to prepare for NextGen, you must complete a few preliminary steps. Your PACER account will be your login (entry point for both PACER and CM/ECF). Therefore, you must have access to an Individual PACER Account.

Filing agents will need their own individual PACER account. All filing agents must have their own upgraded PACER account which may be linked to multiple attorneys and trustees. Please visit the Filing Agent page on our website for additional information: <http://www.wawb.uscourts.gov/nextgen-process-filing-agents>

Follow Steps 1-3 **before February 1, 2019**

Step One:

Obtain your own individual PACER account, if you do not already have one. Please visit the PACER website, at the web address below, to register for a new PACER account: <https://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/pscof/registration.jsf>

Step Two:

If you have your own individual PACER account and it was created prior to August 9, 2014 (also known as Legacy account), you must upgrade your account before you can electronically file in a NextGen court. Please visit the PACER website, at the web address below, to upgrade your PACER account: <https://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/pscof/login.jsf>

Step Three:

Note your current CM/ECF login and password. This is the login and password you are currently using to file electronically. If you do not know your password, please email WAWB at: ECFHelp_Seattle@wawb.uscourts.gov or ECFHelp_Tacoma@wawb.uscourts.gov

Step Four:

Upon Go Live (**February 4, 2019 or after**) you must link your upgraded PACER account to your WAWB NextGen CM/ECF account. Users will NOT be able to file in NextGen until their CM/ECF account is linked to their upgraded individual PACER account.