

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
District of North Dakota**

**NEXTGEN CM/ECF ANNOUNCEMENT**

The U.S. District Court for the District of North Dakota will be upgrading its CM/ECF software to the Next Generation (NextGen) of CM/ECF in the fall of 2018. Once the court upgrades, attorneys will log in to CM/ECF through PACER to file and view documents.

**What is new for attorneys in NextGen?**

NextGen allows attorneys to maintain one account across all NextGen courts (district, bankruptcy and appellate). Attorneys will be able to use one login and password to access all NextGen courts where they have permission to file, as well as access to all courts through PACER.

**What must an attorney do to prepare for NextGen?**

**1. Attorneys must obtain their own individual PACER accounts before September 1, 2018.**

If an attorney does not have an individual PACER account, the attorney must register for a new one before the court upgrades to NextGen. Shared PACER accounts cannot be used by filing attorneys once the court has upgraded to NextGen. Existing individual PACER accounts (accounts issued prior to August 11, 2014) must be upgraded. CJA attorneys will only need one PACER account for filing and viewing in NextGen. If a CJA attorney has a separate exempt CJA account now, those exempt privileges will be added to the individual upgraded PACER account. PACER exemption status will allow the CJA attorneys to toggle between exempt and non-exempt status.

[Register for a New Individual PACER Account](#)

[Upgrade your Current Individual PACER Account](#)

[CJA Attorney PACER Accounts \(for CJA attorneys only\)](#)

**2. PACER Administrative Accounts (optional).**

Firms and agencies may set up a PACER Administrative Account to help manage attorney accounts and have the individual accounts centrally billed for PACER access fees. To register for a PACER Administrative Account, please visit [https://www.pacer.gov/reg\\_firm.html](https://www.pacer.gov/reg_firm.html).

**For more information** on the NextGen upgrade process, please visit: [www.pacer.gov/nextgen](http://www.pacer.gov/nextgen). Feel free to contact the clerk's office with any questions or visit the court's [NextGen ECF](#) webpage:

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