

CJA Attorney PACER Accounts

Register for a new PACER Account OR Upgrade Current PACER Account and Change PACER Exemption Status

(CJA Attorneys please note that you will only need one PACER account for filing and viewing in NextGen CM/ECF. If you have a separate exempt CJA account now, those exempt privileges will be added to your individual upgraded PACER account.)

Register for a new PACER Account

1. Follow the procedures to [create a new individual PACER account](#).
2. On the registration page, check the box to indicate that you are a member of the **CJA Panel** and select the **CJA Jurisdiction**.

The screenshot shows a registration form with the following fields and options:

- Email ***: nddcourts+CJAZ@gmail.com
- Confirm Email ***: nddcourts+CJAZ@gmail.com
- User Type ***: INDIVIDUAL
- Check here if this account will be used by an attorney appointed to the CJA Attorney Panel** (highlighted with a red oval)
- CJA Jurisdiction ***: North Dakota
- User Verification ***: I'm not a robot (reCAPTCHA)
- Buttons: Next, Reset, Cancel

3. Link your upgraded PACER exempt account to your ECF Account. ([See instructions for Linking your Account](#)).

OR

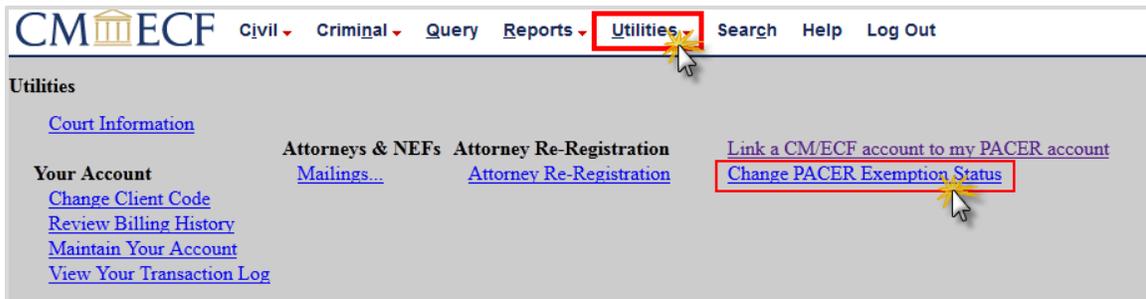
Upgrade Current PACER Account

1. Follow the procedures to [upgrade your Current PACER account](#).
2. Contact the PACER Service Center (PSC) by email at pacer@psc.uscourts.gov or by phone at 800-676-6856 and provide the following information to the PSC:
 - a. Name
 - b. PACER Username
 - c. Account number for upgraded PACER Account (located under Manage My Account)
 - d. List the District of North Dakota as the court in which you are appointed to the CJA Panel.
3. The PSC will send you an email with instructions on how to proceed.
4. Link your upgraded PACER exempt account to your ECF Account. ([See instructions for Linking your Account](#)).

Change PACER Exemption Status

When viewing documents or docket sheets in a case in which you are appointed, change your PACER Exemption Status. Each time you log into NextGen CM/ECF, your status will default to **Not Exempt**.

1. Log into **NextGen CM/ECF**
2. Click on **Utilities**
3. Select **Change PACER Exemption Status**



4. Select **CJA** and then **Submit**.

**Note that the change to exempt is only good for the current session. The status will need to be changed each time you log in acting in your CJA capacity. **

A screenshot of the 'Change PACER Exemption Status' form. The current status is 'Not Exempt'. The 'Change PACER status to:' section has three radio buttons: 'Not Exempt', 'CJA' (which is selected and highlighted with a red box), and 'Court Order'. At the bottom, there are 'Submit' and 'Clear' buttons. A red arrow points to the 'Submit' button.

5. While using the Query option you can **toggle between exempt and not exempt** by clicking on the link at the bottom of the page.

A screenshot of the 'Query' page. It features a search form with various filters like 'Case Number', 'Case Status', 'Filed Date', and 'Cause of Action'. At the bottom of the page, a link labeled 'PACER fee: Exempt CJA Change' is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow. A warning message is visible at the top of the search area.

6. If you are appointed as a CJA attorney in another federal court, there are special instructions for using your PACER account in a non-NextGen court. For questions, please contact the PACER Service Center (PSC) by email at pacer@psc.uscourts.gov or by phone at 800-676-6856.