

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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Notice to the Bar and the Public

In Re: Get Ready for Next Generation of Bankruptcy CM/ECF (NextGen)

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico will **migrate** its **Case Management/Electronic Case Files System (CM/ECF)** to the **Next Generation of Bankruptcy CM/ECF (NextGen)** on February 28, 2022. This upgrade provides users with several new benefits. One of the key benefit of Nextgen is the **Central Sign-On (CSO)**, a login process 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. **To login to NextGen CM/ECF, attorneys must obtain their own individual PACER account and upgrade it.** Users will still need to use their original CM/ECF account credentials for courts that are not in the Nextgen system yet.

What E-filers can do now to prepare for Nextgen

Register for a PACER account at <u>www.pacer.uscourts.gov</u>.

Obtain a PACER account before the implementation date of February 28, 2022. Your PACER account will become your login to CM/ECF for which it is necessary that you have your own individual account. Shared PACER accounts will no longer be usable once the court upgrades to Nextgen, but firms may establish a PACER Administrative Account (PAA) for the central billing of multiple individual accounts at <u>www.pacer.uscourts.gov/register-account/group-billing</u>.

Questions regarding PACER accounts should be directed to the PACER Service Center at <u>pacer@psc.uscourts.gov</u> or by calling (800) 676-6856.

If you already have an existing PACER account, make sure to update this account.

You must upgrade your PACER account if the same was created prior to August 11, 2014. To update your PACER account or check if you have an updated PACER account:

- 1. Log in to your PACER account at <u>www.pacer.uscourts.gov/my-account-billing/manage-</u><u>my-account-login</u>.
- 2. Check the Account Type. If your account is already upgraded, it will say 'Account Type: Upgraded PACER Account.' If it indicates 'Account Type: Legacy PACER Account', select the Upgrade link.
- 3. Complete the Upgrade PACER account screens by validating your account information, adding date of birth, county, creating new username, creating new password, and selecting security questions.
- 4. For more help, review the step-by-step guide on <u>upgrading your PACER account</u>.

Take note of currently used CM/ECF credentials.

Once the court moves to NextGen, you must link your CM/ECF account to your upgraded PACER account for Central Sign-On. To do this you must know both your credentials for CM/ECF and PACER. Once linked, you will access the system using only you PACER credentials. You will not be able to access our CM/ECF system with your CM/ECF credentials once we migrate to Nextgen. Instructions on linking the accounts will be provided at a later date.

Please visit the Court's Nextgen page at <u>https://www.prb.uscourts.gov/nextgen-cmecf</u> for further information on the upgrade process. This site will be updated with more information as we approach the date of implementation. You can also contact our Help Desk at (787) 977-6000.

Your cooperation is appreciated as the court prepares to transition to NextGen CM/ECF.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 23rd day of December 2021.

María de los Ángeles González, Æsq. Clerk of the Court