

Court Resources

NextGen: Central Sign-On

Please go to
<https://www.ilnb.uscourts.gov>

and click on the NextGen
Central Sign-On link to view
documentation as well as links
to PACER FAQs.

PACER Information

PACER Public Access to Court Electronic Records

<https://pacer.uscourts.gov>

E-mail: pacer@psc.uscourts.gov

(800) 676-6856

PACER Resources

[https://pacer.uscourts.gov/file-
case/get-ready-nextgen-cmecf](https://pacer.uscourts.gov/file-case/get-ready-nextgen-cmecf)

PACER FAQs

[https://pacer.uscourts.gov/help/
faqs/nextgen-cm-ecf](https://pacer.uscourts.gov/help/faqs/nextgen-cm-ecf)

NextGen FAQs

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Court Locations

United States Bankruptcy Court

Eastern Division

219 S. Dearborn Street

Room 710

Chicago, Illinois 60604

(312) 408-5000



United States Bankruptcy Court

Western Division

327 S. Church Street

Rockford, Illinois 61101

(815) 987-4350

Please Note

**CM/ECF will be unavailable
for electronic filing on**

May 22, 2021 & May 23, 2021

CM  ECF

NextGen

Live Date



May 24, 2021

**Illinois Northern
Bankruptcy Court**

<https://www.ilnb.uscourts.gov>

Hon. A. Benjamin Goldgar

Chief Judge

Jeffrey P. Allsteadt, Clerk of the Court

Next Generation of CM/ECF

The Judiciary's Case Management/ Electronic Case Filing (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 **May 22 & 23, 2021**, the Illinois Northern Bankruptcy Court will begin upgrading its Case Management Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) System 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 and non-attorney e-filers to access any NextGen court within which they practice using one login and password.**

Please plan for the system to be unavailable for electronic filings starting May 22, 2021 & May 23, 2021.

The Illinois Northern Bankruptcy Court plans to complete the upgrade to NextGen by May 23, 2021.

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.

Follow steps 1-3 before May 24, 2021

Step One:

Obtain your own individual PACER account if you do not already have one. Register for a new PACER account by clicking here:

<https://pacer.uscourts.gov/register-account>

Step Two:

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

<https://pacer.uscourts.gov/file-case/get-ready-nextgen-cmecf>

Step Three:

Note your current CM/ECF login and password. This is the login and password you are currently using. If you do not know your password, please send us an email at ecf_train@ilnb.uscourts.gov or give us a call: (312) 408-7765.

Step Four:

Upon Go-Live **May 24, 2021**, you must link your upgraded PACER account to your ILNB 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.

<https://www.ilnb.uscourts.gov/nextgen-information>