



Free PACER Access at Chase

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The Salmon P. Chase College of Law Library is pleased to announce **FREE** access to PACER (**Public Access to Court Electronic Records**) from the library's public computers. Users must be physically present in the library to use the system

In the late 1990's, PACER began as a project of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to make more federal court information available to the public electronically. Most information had previously been accessible only in each court's clerk's office.

PACER provides access to case and docket information from Federal Appellate, District, and Bankruptcy Courts, and to the U.S. Party/Case Index. Information accessible through PACER includes parties and participants in cases, chronologies, pleadings, judgments, Appellate court opinions, and imaged copies of actual court documents. Beginning this year, PACER will include transcripts of Federal District and Bankruptcy Court proceedings.

The U.S. Party/Case Index acts as an index to all U.S. court cases. The system serves as a locator index for PACER. Search nationwide to determine whether or not a party is involved in federal litigation. The Index is updated nightly.

PACER is available to anyone who registers. The normal cost is \$0.08 per page, with a cap of \$2.40 for any one document. There are currently 750,000 registered users who printed over 100 million pages last year.

The regular PACER charge is intended to cover the cost of the system. That fee will be waived for all users who access PACER in the Law Library. The regular Law Library Printing charge of ten-cents-per-page will still apply to those using the Law Library's Public access PC's.

The Law Library is one of 16 libraries nationwide selected to participate in a joint pilot project of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Government Printing Office to offer free PACER access. The pilot project, which may last as long as two years, is part of the Federal Judiciary's continuing effort to expand public access to court records, and to discover if a segment of the public desires access to court records but is unlikely to go to a courthouse or become a PACER user.

Please contact a librarian at (859) 572-6484 or stop by the reference desk for more information on getting started using PACER at the Chase Law Library.

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