



Case Management

CM/ECF

Next Generation

Electronic Case Files



Vision

- **Better automation and integration of chambers and clerk's office operations;**
- **Provide all stakeholders with easy, reliable, and secure access to electronic case information.**



Architecture Study

Objective

Evaluate technical alternatives for the next-generation CM/ECF system.

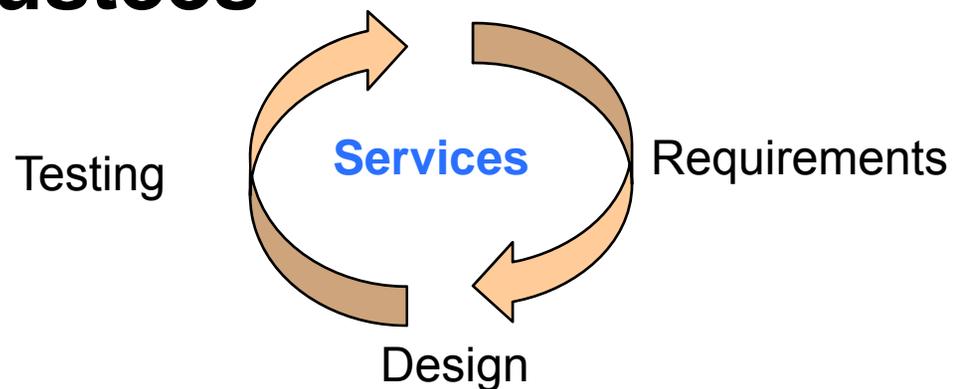
Final Report Due Summer 2010

Buzzwords

- Service Oriented Architecture
- Web Services
- XML

Functional Requirements Groups

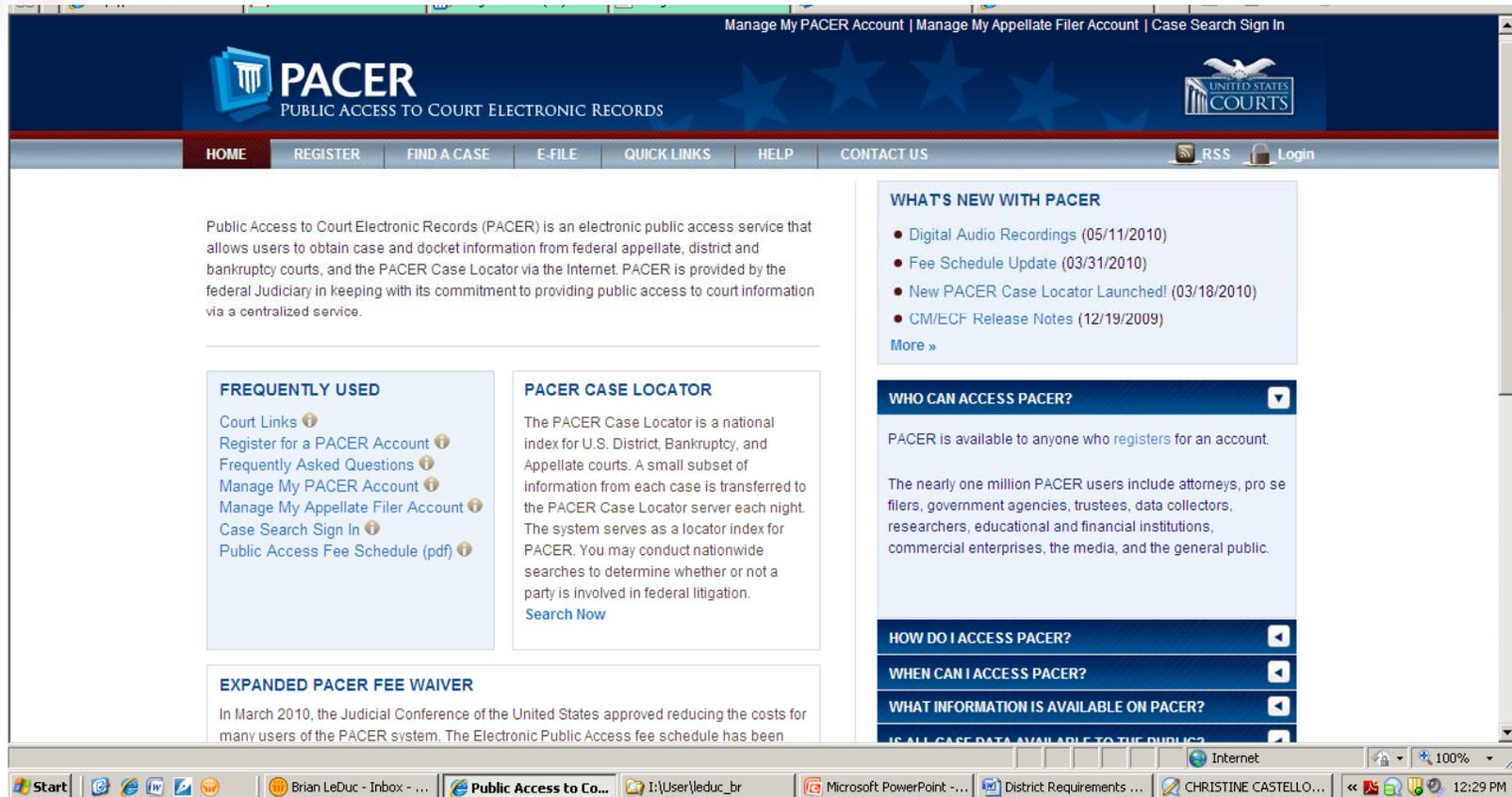
- Chambers and Clerks Office Groups for Bankruptcy, District, Appellate
- Additional Stakeholders
 - Federal Agencies (DOJ, IRS, SSA)
 - Bankruptcy Trustees
 - Lawyers
 - Academics





PACER Users Study

**78% of PACER
Users are Satisfied**



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UNITED STATES COURTS

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- Frequently Asked Questions
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- Manage My Appellate Filer Account
- Case Search Sign In
- Public Access Fee Schedule (pdf)

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The PACER Case Locator is a national index for U.S. District, Bankruptcy, and Appellate courts. A small subset of information from each case is transferred to the PACER Case Locator server each night. The system serves as a locator index for PACER. You may conduct nationwide searches to determine whether or not a party is involved in federal litigation.

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WHAT'S NEW WITH PACER

- Digital Audio Recordings (05/11/2010)
- Fee Schedule Update (03/31/2010)
- New PACER Case Locator Launched! (03/18/2010)
- CM/ECF Release Notes (12/19/2009)

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WHO CAN ACCESS PACER?

PACER is available to anyone who registers for an account.

The nearly one million PACER users include attorneys, pro se filers, government agencies, trustees, data collectors, researchers, educational and financial institutions, commercial enterprises, the media, and the general public.

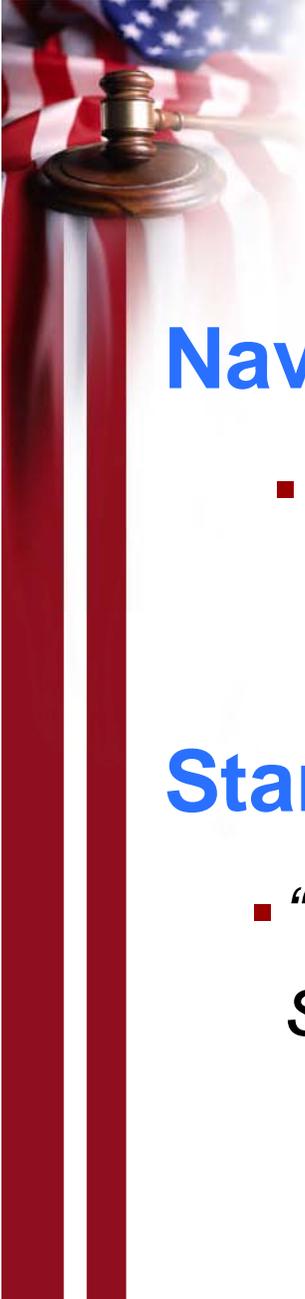
HOW DO I ACCESS PACER?

WHEN CAN I ACCESS PACER?

WHAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON PACER?

IS ALL CASE DATA AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC?

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Key Areas for Improvement

Navigation between PACER and CM/ECF,

- *“CM/ECF for filing, and PACER for viewing is confusing.”*

Standardization

- *“One standardized version of the ECF software.”*



Specific Needs

- **Improve and expand help.**
- **Add customizable reports and views.**
- **Fully indexed, searchable information**



What We've Heard From Attorneys

- **Data-enabled forms.**
- **Batch filing.**
- **Single log-in/password for PACER, CM/ECF.**
- **More integrated calendaring, order processing.**
- **Automatic redaction of personal information.**
- **One-click printing for complete case file.**
- **More payment options**



Next Steps

- **Selection of Architecture**
- **Gather and sync requirements from Clerks, Chambers, Additional Stakeholders.**
- **Decide on “Big Bang” vs. “Iterative” approach.**

Feedback Loop

Help Design the Next Generation of CM/ECF

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CM/ECF Next Generation - Additional Stakeholders

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Respondent Information

1. In the past 12 months, how would you describe your level of usage of the U.S. Court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) system? *

- Daily
- At Least Monthly
- Quarterly
- Once or Twice a Year
- Another person files the documents
- Other, please specify

2. Which of the following best describes you? *

- I work in the legal sector
- I work for a commercial business
- I am a plaintiff, defendant, or debtor in a case
- I am a creditor attorneys or a business that files many claims
- I work for the Government
- I am a member of the media
- Other, please specify

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