

Subject: REMINDER: NextGen is Coming to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Western District of Wisconsin!
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The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Wisconsin will be upgrading its CM/ECF software to the Next Generation (NextGen) of CM/ECF on March 30, 2020. With NextGen, the court will transition to using a single login and password for both filing and viewing. After the upgrade attorneys and e-filers will be able to use a single PACER account for both electronic filing and viewing documents in all NextGen courts.

Here is what you need to do to continue e-filing:

BEFORE March 30, 2020:

1. Create an Individual PACER Account for E-Filing

Each attorney must have his/her own individual PACER account. If you do not have an individual PACER account, you must create one before the court upgrades to NextGen. Shared PACER accounts cannot be used by filing attorneys once the court has upgraded.

2. Upgrade Legacy PACER Account

Existing "Legacy" PACER accounts (accounts issued prior to August 11, 2014) must be upgraded. Go to www.pacer.gov, Manage My Account, and login with your current PACER credentials. Note the display in Account Type. If "Legacy," select Upgrade, and update the information.

3. Know Your Current Login and Password for E-Filing

Attorneys and e-filers must know their current ECF login and password. Once the court upgrades, attorneys and e-filers must link their existing ECF accounts to their upgraded PACER accounts for Central Sign On. This process requires typing the ECF username and password into a special field. Login information stored in a browser will not be accessible from the linking screen. If you do not know your login or password, please contact the court.

AFTER March 30, 2020:

After the court upgrades to NextGen on March 30, 2020, you must link your current ECF account to your upgraded individual PACER account. Attorneys and e-filers will NOT be able to file in NextGen until this linkage is completed. Instructions on how to link an ECF account to an upgraded PACER account can be found on the court website.

We strongly encourage everyone to register for an individual PACER account as soon as possible, rather than waiting until the week of March 30, 2020. There are multiple courts going live on NextGen that same weekend. You may experience significant wait times of 45 minutes or more with PACER that week.

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CM/ECF will be offline starting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2020 until 8:00 a.m., Monday, March 30, 2020. During this period, emergency filings, if any, can be emailed to: eFile@wiwb.uscourts.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION Please visit the court's website at: <https://www.wiwb.uscourts.gov/nextgen>

There are step-by-step instructions and answers to frequently asked questions to help you prepare for the transition. You can also access PACER's website at: <https://www.pacer.gov/> for additional information about creating and upgrading PACER accounts.