



United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Alabama
Court Newsletter
Upgrade to CM/ECF Release 5.1

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The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama will upgrade to Release 5.1 on Tuesday, April 9, 2013. This newsletter provides an overview of Release 5.1's new features.

Electronic Collection of the Claims Transfer Filing Fee

Effective May 1, 2013, a Transfer of Claim filing fee (\$25 per claim transferred) will be assessed. The internet payments functionality in CM/ECF has been modified to allow for electronic collection of the new fee. Filers whose accounts are enabled for internet payments will be able to pay the fee by credit card or ACH debit card using www.pay.gov. This modification includes support for claims upload.

Mobile CM/ECF Query Access

As an enhancement to the PACER Case Locator (PCL), Release 5.1 includes a limited query display optimized for mobile use. The PCL will now direct users to this new interface. Users will be required to provide a PACER login as this application bills for information retrieval in the same manner as the main application query. This limited interface allows searches by Case Number or Party Name, and text searches on docket entries in a single selected case. Outputs include Attorney, Party, Deadlines, and Docket Entries. A full site link allows users to access the standard CM/ECF site for any additional information. A new "Mobile Query" link is shown on the Query screen allowing users to access this feature from within the application.

Government Printing Office Federal Digital System

At its September 11, 2012, meeting, the Judicial Conference approved expanding the pilot program with the Government Print Office (GPO) to provide court opinions, for all willing courts, via GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys). Opinions will be provided to the GPO from the CM/ECF application in individual courts and included in the GPO's database automatically from participating courts. To see how opinions are presented at the GPO site, please visit their website at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=USCOURTS>.

RSS Feed Improvements

The RSS feed has been expanded to report the previous 24 hours. Previously, only 12 hours were reported by the RSS feed.

EDI Form Enhancements and XML Noticing

Beginning with Release 5.1, the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) is implementing a service enhancement that will provide faster, more efficient service to many bankruptcy noticing recipients. This modification increases the accessibility and availability of information through the Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (EBN) program. The expanded service will provide additional variable bankruptcy notice data which can easily be extracted to the recipient's database through Extensible Mark-up Language (XML).

If you have any questions, please email us at ecftrain@alnb.uscourts.gov.