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• The LA Law Library was established in 1891
• The current building was opened in 1953
• Largest print collection in a public law library west of the Mississippi River

- Seven floors
- 35 miles of shelving
- 1,000,000 equivalent volumes including print and microform
Electronic Databases

- California State Briefs
- CEB OnLAW
- Foreign Law Guide
- HeinOnline
- Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals
- LA Law Library Catalog
- LLMC Digital
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- Legal Trac
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What We Do

• Suggest research avenues and sources for research, identify and locate citations

• Explain how to use legal materials

• Explain the law-making process

• Assist in finding forms

• Aid in the use of electronic resources including Westlaw and Lexis (online databases that contain cases, codes, and statutes for all 50 states and secondary materials), CEB OnLAW and HeinOnline

• Teach public classes
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  – Open to members of the State Bar of California

• Computer Services

• Circulation
  – Borrower registration program
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PACER: How to Access Federal Court Case Documents

June 25 2019
Instructor: Esther Eastman
Legislative & Reference Librarian
LA Law Library
PACER FACTS & FIGURES

- PACER started as a pilot project in 1989 in several bankruptcy and district court cases
- 1 million users today; 1 billion documents
- Available 24/7
- Multiple users can access case at same time
- Low cost $.10 view, download, or print search results
- No cost when using in the courthouse except for printing
- No cost if you do not exceed $15.00 in a calendar quarter
- Free access for 15 days to your own case
- Fee exemptions are available – Form CV-05
- One negative fact: Searching PACER is limited
- PACER Service Center (800) 676-6856
Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) is an electronic public access service that allows users to obtain case and docket information online from federal appellate, district, and bankruptcy courts, and the PACER Case Locator. PACER is provided by the Federal Judiciary in keeping with its commitment to providing public access to court information via a centralized service.

**PACER ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Online Payment Service Interruption 06/01/2019 (05/31/2019)
- April 2019 Newsletter (04/11/2019)
- Multi-Court PACER Fee Exemption Request Form for Researchers (10/19/2017)
- Data Scraping Scripts Time Change to Alleviate Slowness (8/10/2017)
- New Limit for Credit Card Payments Effective June 1, 2015 (07/23/2015)
- Training on Changes to PACER (12/08/2014)
- Restoration of Access to Legacy Case Information (10/31/2014)

**WHO CAN ACCESS PACER?**
PACER is available to anyone who registers for an account.

The more than one million PACER users include attorneys, prose filers, government agencies, trustees, data collectors, researchers, educational and financial institutions, commercial enterprises, the media, and the general public.
Registration Wizard

PACER offers registrations for several different functions. This Registration Wizard is designed to help you decide which registration option is best for your needs. If you already know what you need, use the Register menu on the left side of the screen. Otherwise, click Start below to begin.

Start

More Information
REMOVAL OF TLS 1.0

PACER Service Center will disable TLS 1.0 on our web servers on June 17, 2018. Our servers will refuse connections using TLS 1.0 from that date.

PACER - CASE SEARCH ONLY REGISTRATION

Account Information

* Required Information
Prefix: Select Prefix
First Name: 
Middle Name: 
Last Name: 
Generation: Select Generation
Suffix: Select Suffix
Date of Birth: 
Firm/Office: 
Unit/Department: 
Address: 
Room/Suite: 
City: 
State: 

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Searching Options

SEARCH FOR CASE INFORMATION

Search the PACER Case Locator

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or

Search Individual Court PACER Web Sites

If you already know the location of a case, click on an individual court’s PACER website from the Court Links page. More
PACER – Finding a Case

The PACER Case Locator (PCL) is a national index for district, bankruptcy, and appellate courts. The PCL serves as a search tool for PACER, and you may conduct nationwide searches to determine whether or not a party is involved in federal litigation. Each night, subsets of data are collected from the courts and transferred to the PCL.

PACER Case Locator Features

- Use as a one-stop location to search all courts (appellate, bankruptcy, district) for cases.
- Save links to your preferred cases using the Saved Cases feature.
- Save your frequent searches using the Saved Searches feature.
- Customize a simple search to include advanced search features such as region and date range.
- Set your preferred landing page to customize your experience.
- Search by both party name and a case number to limit results.
- When saving a case, add a comment to help you differentiate between items in your list of

* Required Information

Username *
Password *
Client Code

Login  Clear

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# Individual Court Websites

## FIND A CASE
- PACER Case Locator
- Court Links
- Search Map
- Automated Telephone Access

## INDIVIDUAL COURT PACER SITES
Click a court below to access an individual PACER or Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) site. If the site you would like to access does not appear on this list, the court may not provide case information to PACER. Visit the respective court's homepage for more information. (Note: Hover mouse over ☰ to see version.)

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National Index for Searching Federal Court Cases
Searching by Case Number

Case Information

* At least one is required.

Court Type

Case

Number *

Title *

Region

Date Range

Date Filed *

Date Closed *

NOTE: Newly filed cases will typically appear on this system within 24 hours. Check the Court Information page for data that is currently available on the PCL. The most recent data is available directly from the court.
Searching by Party

**Search Information**

* Required information

- Party
  - Last Name or Entity Name
  - First Name
  - Middle Name

- Exact Matches Only

- Party Role

- Court Type
  - All

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Searching by Party
Case Title
To search for a specific case title, enter the title in this field.

Case Title searches are not case sensitive, so it doesn’t matter if you enter any combination of lower or upper case letters.

A search wildcard is assumed at the end of the search string. Use the ‘*’ character to specify a wildcard in your search.

Examples: A search for case title John Smith finds cases with the case title John Smith.*
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Case Number
Case numbers can be entered in each of the following formats:
- yy-nnnnn
- yy-tp-nnnnn
- yy tp nnnnn
- yytpnnnn
- o:yy-nnnnn
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Region
Select one or more regional areas to limit the scope of your search to those regions. Hold down the Ctrl key while clicking on regions in order to select multiple regions.

Select the region you want to search from the drop down list. You can select from the list of circuits or actual regions, such as "New Jersey."

You may also select a state or Circuit from an interactive map. Click on the desired region and the selection list will be updated automatically. You can click on multiple regions and the selection list will add them. Click on any region a second time to unselect it.
Searching by Nature of Suit

**Case Information**

- **Court Type**: Civil
- **Case**
  - Number *
  - Title *
- **Region**
- **Nature of Suit**

**Date Range**
## Searching Bankruptcy Cases

### Party Information

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** To use this field, you must also enter a last name or entity name.

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Costs!

Basic Cost: $.10/page and capped at 30 pages for case specific reports

Case Reports that are not case specific are not capped at 30 pages

Audio files available in docket reports cost $2.40
$.10 per-page charge is based on the number of pages that result from each search and each requested report or document. The charge is not based on printing. Here are some examples that may help you understand how charges are generated:

Enter party name "johnson, t" and receive 2 pages of matches. The charge is $.20.

Enter case number 01-10054 and select **Docket Report** after locating the case in the PACER Case Locator (PCL). The docket is 10 pages, so the charge is $1. (You may enter a date range to limit the number of pages by displaying entries for the date range rather than all entries in the report.)

Select the link within the docket report to view a document. The scanned document is 5 pages, so the charge is $.50.

Please note that there is a 30-page cap for documents and case-specific reports (e.g., docket report, creditor listing, claims register). You will not be charged more than $3 when you access documents or case-specific reports that are more than 30 pages. However, the 30-page cap does not apply to name search results, lists of cases, or transcripts (when available online).
FAQs
Training Database
User Manual
Account Management
Here are the top ten downloaded legal documents from the RECAP Archive in 2018:

1. **MOTION to Revoke or Revise Order of Pretrial Release** from *U.S. v. Paul Manafort*
2. **Class Action Complaint** from *Doe v. The Trump Corporation*
3. **CONSENT MOTION FOR ENTRY OF FINAL JUDGMENT** from *SEC v. Elon Musk*
4. **Answer to Complaint** from *Tesla v. Martin Tripp*
5. **Government’s Submission in Support of its Breech Determination** from *U.S. v. Paul Manafort*
6. **Sentencing Memorandum** from *U.S. v. Michael Flynn*
7. **ORDER** from *Democratic National Committee v. The Russian Federation*
8. This is a fax in Russian and English from the “Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation” claiming immunity from the lawsuit.
9. **Sentencing Memorandum** from *U.S. v. Michael Cohen*
10. **Addendum to Government’s Memorandum in Aid of Sentencing** from *U.S. v. Michael Flynn*
11. **MOTION for Leave to File Ex parte, In camera, Classified Addendum to Government’s Opposition** from *U.S. v. Internet Research Agency*

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