

NEWS FROM U.S. DISTRICT COURT

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NextGen CM/ECF: The go-live date for transitioning from CurrentGen CM/ECF to NextGen CM/ECF is **April 12, 2021**. On that date, attorneys and pro se filers will no longer be able to log into their CM/ECF accounts to electronically file documents and access restricted documents as they currently do. Instead, attorneys will log in through the PACER website, utilizing Central Sign-On. For more information about NextGen CM/ECF and Central Sign-On, please see the [January 2020 Attorney Newsletter](#).

After the transition to NextGen CM/ECF, attorneys and pro se filers will be required to link their CM/ECF accounts to their upgraded individual PACER accounts. Complete linking instructions will be provided in the upcoming April 2, 2021, edition of this attorney newsletter.

In the meantime, attorneys and pro se filers who have not already done so must take the following important action NOW.

1. **Verify you have an upgraded individual PACER account.**

Go to www.pacer.uscourts.gov to verify you have an upgraded account. Go to **Manage Your Account** and select **Manage My Account Login**. Click on **Log in to Manage My Account** and enter your PACER username and password. If your account type is still listed as a **Legacy PACER Account**, click the [Upgrade](#) link.

If you don't have an individual PACER account, go to www.pacer.uscourts.gov and click on **Manage Your Account**, then click on **Register for an Account**.

2. **Ensure you know your current case sensitive CM/ECF login and password.**

Click [here](#) to log into CM/ECF using your current CM/ECF login and password for electronically filing documents in this district court. If you don't see the **Civil** and **Criminal** options on the blue menu bar you are not logged into CM/ECF. Please call the NextGen CM/ECF Helpline at 605-357-2482 if you don't know your current CM/ECF login and/or password or you have trouble logging into CM/ECF.

3. **Ensure you know your case sensitive PACER username and password.**

Click [here](#) to log into PACER using your username and password. If necessary, click [here](#) to retrieve your PACER username or [here](#) to retrieve your PACER password.

Highly Sensitive Documents: In response to the Solar Winds security breach and Judicial Counsel policy, Chief Judge Lange has entered [Standing Order 21-04](#). The standing order adds new security procedures to protect highly sensitive documents (HSDs) filed with the court. HSDs are documents that contain highly sensitive non-public information that is likely to be of interest to the intelligence service of a foreign government and whose use or disclosure would likely cause significant harm. Very few documents filed in the District of South Dakota are HSDs. For more information about HSDs, see Standing Order 21-04 located on the district court's website at www.sdd.uscourts.gov.