# **PUBLIC ACCESS CHANGES**

# **All PACER Users**

#### Query

• The following new message appears on the Query selection criteria screen:

WARNING: Search results from this screen are NOT subject to the 30 page limit on PACER charges. Please be as specific as possible with your search criteria.

Party roles are now displayed beside party names listed on the *Select A Person* query screen. The party's role will appear in brackets after the (pty) designation for each party (see Figure 1, below). When the user selects a party from the *Select a Person* screen, the sub-header on the *Select a Case* screen now includes the party's role information in the format <person name> is a <party's role> in <# of cases> cases (see Figure 2, below).

Figure 1. Select a Person Screen

Select A Person		
There were	5 matching people.	
<u>Newton, Isaac</u>	(pty) [counter defendant]	
Newton, Isaac	(pty) [defendant]	
Newton, Isaac	(pty) [material witness]	
Newton, Isaac	(pty) [plaintiff]	
Newton, James	(aty)	

Figure 2. Select a Case Screen (Top Portion)

	Select A Case	
	Isaac Newton is a plaintiff in 21 cases	
1:08-cv-00408-EDE-TCT	Newton v. Leibnitz et al	filed 08/17/08
1:08-cv-01047-AAA	Newton v. Descartes	filed 12/05/08

• The Query selection screen now includes an *Exact Matches Only* checkbox beside the *Last/Business Name* field. If this option is checked, the results include only exact matches to the search string entered in the *Last/Business Name* field.

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Search Clues		
Case Number		
	or search by	
Case Status:	Open Oclosed All	
Filed Date	to	
Last Entry Date	to	
Nature of Suit	0 (zero) 110 (Insurance) 120 (Contract Marine)	•
Cause of Action	0 (No cause code entered) 00:0000 (No Cause Code Entered) 02:0431 (02:431 Fed. Election Commission: Failure Enforce C)	
Last/Business Name	Exact matches only	
First Name	Middle Name	
Type	Prisoner ID	

# Links to Other Court PACER Sites and the PACER Case Locator from within CM/ECF

Each District court has the option to provide two new links within CM/ECF so PACER users can access other courts and the PACER Case Locator from within CM/ECF. The <u>Links to Other Courts</u> menu item points to the court PACER links page on the PACER Service Center website, so PACER users can more easily navigate from one court to another without having to access the PACER Service Center website outside of CM/ECF. The <u>PACER Case Locator (National Index)</u> menu item points to the PACER Case Locator on the PACER Service Center website.

The Links to Other Courts and the PACER Case Locator (National Index) links open in separate windows.

Following are some scenarios where a PACER user may or may not have to enter login information when clicking on either of the two new links:

- If a user who is logged in to CM/ECF as a PACER user clicks on <u>Links to Other Courts</u> and selects a court, the user will be required to enter his login information only if the selected court is on a release earlier than Release 4.2.
- If a user who is logged in to CM/ECF as a PACER user clicks on <u>PACER Case Locator (National Index)</u>, the user will not be required to enter his login information.
- If a user is logged in to the PACER Service Center site, the user can access all court links as well as the <u>PACER Case Locator (National Index)</u> without having to enter his login information again.
- If a user does not have a PACER ID when initially logging in to CM/ECF, the user will be prompted to log in at the PACER Case Locator site or any other court via Links to Other Courts.

## Docket Report

- If an attorney has an inactive email address, the label *(Inactive)* now appears beside the email address on the docket sheet
- For the *View Multiple Documents, Create Record on Appeal,* and *Create Appendix* options on the Docket Report selection screen, the **View Selected** button is not active until the user selects at least one docket entry.

## Criminal Cases Report

The selection criteria screen for the Criminal Cases report now includes an option so the user can determine whether Central Violations Bureau (CVB) cases should be included in the report output. Note: The District of South Carolina does not have CVB cases in CM/ECF at this time.

Figure 4. Criminal Cases Report Selection Criteria Screen



## Mobile Query

The mobile PACER Case Locator (PCL) provided by the PACER service center is now linked to the District CM/ECF application. Users can access the mobile query via the <u>Mobile Query</u> link on the Query selection criteria page, from a case link from PACER's mobile PACER Case Locator, or through the <u>Mobile Query</u> link on the Query results page.

The mobile query interface offers a simplified user experience optimized for display on mobile devices. This interface incorporates the following functions:

- Search interface
- Party selection from party name search result list
- · Case selection from case search result list based on case or party name search
- Attorney information for selected case
- Party information for selected case
- Deadlines/Hearings for selected case
- Docket entries for selected case
- PACER login