

Documents and Cases Restricted to Participants

Some cases as well as some documents are restricted to case participants, e.g., Social Security and ERISA. Documents are set with restricted access so that only case participants and court users can access the case through ECF. Documents filed in Social Security and ERISA cases, however, are still accessible through the public terminal located in the Clerk's Office.

When a participant receives an NEF regarding a restricted document or a filing in a restricted access case, the participant must first login to ECF with their ECF login and password, then immediately login to PACER with their PACER login and password. This is an extra layer of security which ensures that the person attempting to access the document is actually a case participant.

NOTE: It is still a FREE look.