



MEMORANDUM

To: State court judges/clerks

From: NCBJ Public Outreach Committee

Re: Obtaining free account to access  
PACER (public records of bankruptcy  
filings)

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As part of our outreach to state court judges, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges can assist you to access your local bankruptcy court's public records. The records are made available through the federal courts' Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) program. PACER is an electronic public access service that allows users to obtain case and docket information from federal courts. PACER account holders are charged a per-page fee for access to the records. However, a local bankruptcy court may permit state court judges to access that bankruptcy court's records through PACER for free.

If you would like to access PACER to verify a bankruptcy filing or to review

papers filed in the case, please contact one of your colleagues on the bankruptcy bench to arrange for access and a password. Elsewhere on the [ncbj.org](http://ncbj.org) state-court outreach web page is an example of a memo from a bankruptcy clerk to state court judges explaining how to access PACER and providing a password for that bankruptcy court's records.

To obtain contact information for a bankruptcy judge in your area, email NCBJ Executive Director Chris Molick at [cjmolick@sc.rr.com](mailto:cjmolick@sc.rr.com).