



DISTRICT OF MONTANA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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Increase in Federal Court Fees

For the first time in eight years, the Judicial Counsel has approved an inflationary increase for miscellaneous federal court fees. The new fee schedule will take effect November 1, 2011. While the fee for filing a civil case will remain the same, other miscellaneous fees will increase. Please refer to the Court's website <http://www.mtd.uscourts.gov> for the current fee schedule.

In addition, effective April 1, 2012, PACER fees will increase from \$.08 per page to \$.10 per page. To lessen the impact of the new fee, the quarterly exemption will also increase. PACER users who do not accrue charges of more than \$15 per quarter will not be charged a fee. (The current quarterly exemption is \$10.) The fee increase will be suspended for three years for local, state, and government agencies.

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www.mtd.uscourts.gov

Questions about filing
electronically?

CM/ECF Electronic
Learning Modules
(ELMs) are available
at:

[http://www.mtd.uscourts.gov/
efiling.html#training](http://www.mtd.uscourts.gov/efiling.html#training)

Coming soon.....CM/ECF Release 5.0.3.

CM/ECF Release 5.0.3 will be implemented by November 1st, 2011. Enhanced password security is the only immediate change attorneys will notice once the upgrade is completed. As seen in the pop-up message below, users will be prompted to change their password when they first log into CM/ECF after the upgrade.



Clicking on the link in the pop-up message will redirect users to Maintain Your Login/Password where the password can be changed. New passwords must have at least eight characters, must include both uppercase and lowercase letters, and at least one number or special character.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, PDF/A formatting will be implemented for filing documents in all Federal Courts. Release 5.0.3 allows courts the flexibility to make the PDF/A format mandatory for any document filed in CM/ECF. The District of Montana has not yet set a date to make PDF/A format mandatory, but we are encouraging anyone interested in filing their documents using the PDF/A format to do so at anytime. Please watch our website for updates as to when filing in PDF/A format will become mandatory.

Other than these two changes, the upgrade to Release 5.0.3 should be seamless for attorneys. As always, please call the CM/ECF Help Desk at (866) 463-4052 for assistance.