

Bankruptcy CM/ECF Releases 5.0/5.1 for External Users

This document summarizes the changes you will notice when CM/ECF has been updated to Release 5.0/5.1. There are new features being introduced including links to PACER, entering Multiple Social Security and Tax ID Numbers, Opening Related Cases and a filing fee for filing Transfer of Claims. Several enhancements have been made to the Reports, Query, Notice of Electronic Filing, Attorney and Party Associations.

PACER Links in CM/ECF

Two new menu selections appear under the *Utilities* menu to allow one to navigate quickly between CM/ECF and PACER. You won't have to leave your CM/ECF session to access another court in PACER or to use the PACER Case Locator.

The screenshot shows the CM/ECF Utilities menu. The menu items are: Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, and Logout. Under the Utilities menu, there are several sections: Your Account (Internet Payments Due, Internet Payment History, Maintain Your ECF Account, Maintain Your Login/Password, View Your Transaction Log, Your PACER Account...), Legal Research (Legal Research...), E-Orders (Judgment Book, Order Query), Systems Tasks (System Administrator Reports...), Miscellaneous (Check PDF Document, Court Information, Edit Data..., File a Transcript, Links to Other Courts), and Utilities (Pacer Case Locator (National Index), Verify a Document). The 'Links to Other Courts' and 'Pacer Case Locator (National Index)' links are highlighted with red boxes.

When the **PACER Case Locator** link is clicked, the Case Search Sign In page displays.

The screenshot shows the PACER Case Search Sign In page. The page header includes the PACER logo and the text 'PUBLIC ACCESS TO COURT ELECTRONIC RECORDS'. The navigation menu includes HOME, REGISTER, FIND A CASE, E-FILE, QUICK LINKS, HELP, CONTACT US, and RSS. The main content area is titled 'CASE SEARCH SIGN IN' and contains a message: 'Your browser must be set to accept cookies in order to login to this site. If your browser is set to accept cookies and you are experiencing problems with the login, delete the stored cookie file in your PC. Close and reopen your browser before trying again.' Below this message is a login form with fields for PACER Login, Password, and Client Code, and buttons for Login and Cancel. There are also links for 'Need an account?' and 'Forgot your password?'. A notice at the bottom states: 'NOTICE: This is a restricted government web site for official PACER use only. Unauthorized entry is prohibited and subject to prosecution under Title 18 of the U.S. Code. All activities and access attempts are logged.'

PACER Links in CM/ECF con't

The following updates have been made to the PACER Case Locator, provided by the PACER Service Center:

- Attorney information is now extracted for bankruptcy and adversary cases
- Alias records are now returned by a search based on SSN/ITIN or Tax ID/EIN
- Debtor and Joint Debtor Disposition values are extracted on all cases for which a disposition exists.

The [Link to Other Courts](#) displays the Individual Court PACER links without leaving CM/ECF.

The screenshot shows the PACER website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: 'HOME', 'REGISTER', 'FIND A CASE', 'E-FILE', 'QUICK LINKS', 'HELP', and 'CONTACT US'. There are also utility links for 'RSS' and 'Login'. The main content area is titled 'INDIVIDUAL COURT PACER SITES' and includes a disclaimer: 'Click a court below to access an individual PACER or Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) site. If the site you would like to access does not appear on this list, the court may not provide case information to PACER. Visit the respective [court's homepage](#) for more information. (Note: Hover mouse over [version icon] to see version.)' Below this, there are three columns of links for different court types: 'U.S. Supreme Court', 'U.S. District Courts', and 'U.S. Bankruptcy Courts'. Each link is accompanied by version and information icons. On the left side, there is a 'FIND A CASE' sidebar with options like 'PACER Case Locator', 'Court Links', 'Search Map', and 'Automated Telephone Access'. At the bottom left, there are utility icons for 'CM/ECF Version Number', 'RSS Feed', and 'Court Information'.

Docket Report Enhancement

Page Counts on Docket Report

The number of pages for documents associated with a docket entry is a new option.

The screenshot shows the ECF Docket Sheet interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: ECF, Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, and Reports. Below the tabs, the title 'Docket Sheet' is displayed. The interface includes a search section with a 'Case number' field containing '10-10010' and a 'Find This Case' button. There are radio buttons for 'Filed' (selected) and 'Entered', followed by date range pickers. Below that are 'Documents' range pickers. The 'Include:' section has three checkboxes: 'Terminated parties', 'Links to Notices of Electronic Filing', and 'Page counts for documents' (which is checked and highlighted with a red box). The 'Document options:' section has three checkboxes: 'Include headers when displaying PDF documents', 'View multiple documents', and 'Create Appendix'. Below these are radio buttons for 'Include on the Docket Sheet': 'all docket entries in this case' (selected) and 'selected docket entries only'. At the bottom, there is a checked checkbox for 'Include PDF documents'.

Knowing the quantity of pages of a file helps PACER users predict the cost of viewing the pleading filed and to also anticipate the loading time of a document.

Filing Date	#	Docket Text
03/01/2010	<u>1</u> (4 pgs; 2 docs)	Chapter 13 Voluntary Petition . Receipt Number cc, Fee Amount \$274 Filed by Jerry J. Heberline , Susan W. Heberline Employee Income Record Due:3/15/2010. Statement of Financial Affairs due 3/15/2010. Incomplete Filings due by 3/15/2010. (JPW) (Entered: 03/01/2010)
03/03/2010	<u>2</u> (1 pg)	Motion to Avoid Lien with First Westside Bank Filed by Jeanne L. Walker on behalf of Debtor Jerry J. Heberline , Joint Debtor Susan W. Heberline (JPW) (Entered: 03/03/2010)
03/03/2010	<u>3</u> (1 pg)	Order Granting Motion To Avoid Lien (Related Doc # <u>2</u>) Signed on 3/3/2010. (JPW) (Entered: 03/03/2010)
03/03/2010	<u>4</u> (1 pg)	Motion to Avoid Lien on Household Goods under Section 522(f)(1)(B)(i) Filed by Jeanne L. Walker on behalf of Debtor Jerry J. Heberline , Joint Debtor Susan W. Heberline (JPW) (Entered: 03/03/2010)

Critical Deadlines and Dates on the Docket Report

Additional dates and deadlines now display on the caption of the docket report. A link to the Claims Register appears whenever a case has claims filed.

ECF Bankruptcy Adversary Query Reports Utilities Search Logout

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
SDSL (Pleasantville)
Bankruptcy Petition #: 12-10019

Assigned to: Charles Anderson
Chapter 13
Voluntary
Asset
[Show Associated Cases](#)
[Claims Register](#)

Date filed: 02/06/2012
Plan confirmed: 02/07/2012
341 meeting: 03/12/2012
Deadline for filing claims: 06/11/2012
Deadline for filing claims (govt.): 08/06/2012

Debtor
J. Robert Hunnington
1824 North Park Avenue
San Antonio, TX 78223
BEXAR-TX
SSN / ITIN: xxx-xx-2435

represented by **Charles G. Arrington**
Huffman, Arrington, Kyle and Dunn
1267 Central Avenue
#100
San Antonio, TX 78233
210-555-4444

Joint Debtor
Marie C. Hunnington
1824 North Park Avenue
San Antonio, TX 78223
BEXAR-TX
SSN / ITIN: xxx-xx-3524

represented by **Charles G. Arrington**
(See above for address)

The following dates and deadlines will be shown, if appropriate, by chapter:

Plan confirmed date	Deadline for filing government claims
341 meeting date	Deadline for objecting to discharge
Deadline for filing claims	Deadline for financial management (Chapter 7 only)

The most recent dates and deadline will display whether or not it is terminated.

Docket Activity Report

The Docket Activity Report has been enhanced to include time filters. The report can be run in time increments, rather than running the report for the entire day. A new clock icon offers an alternative to typing in the time.

ECF Bankruptcy Adversary Query Reports Utilities Search Logout

Docket Activity Report

Warning: you will be billed for the total number of pages (this report is not subject to the 30-page limit on PACER charges).

Case number Only cases to which I am linked

Office: Green Valley Pleasantville Case type: ap bk

Category: answer, appeal, auditor

Open cases Summary Text
 Closed cases Full Docket Text

Entered: 5/18/2012 to 5/21/2012

Sort by: Case Number

Run Report Clear Make these options my default

Calendars and 341 Meeting

You can now view All Hearings without the 341 Meeting settings included. A 341 Meeting selection has been added to the hearing type list.

ECF Bankruptcy Adversary Query Reports Utilities Search Logout

Calendar Events

Case number

Office
Pleasantville (1)
Green Valley (4)

Type
All Hearings
341 Meeting
Confirmation Hearing

Set to

AM only
 PM only
 Both

Time

Sort by Time

Initial display of related proceedings:
 Expanded
 Collapsed

Display only proceedings directly related to the calendar event

Run Report Clear

Query

New query options have been added:

- Filed Date range,
- Last Entry Date range
- Nature of Suit.

ECF Bankruptcy Adversary Query Reports Utilities Search Logout

Query

Warning: you will be billed for the total number of pages (this report is not subject to the 30-page limit on PACER charges).

Search Clues

Case Number

Last / Business Name (Examples: Desoto, Des*)

First Name Middle Name

SSN / ITIN Tax ID / EIN

Type Open cases Closed cases

Filed Date to

Last Entry Date to

Nature of Suit (AP and MP cases only)
01 (Determination of removed claim or cause)
02 (Other (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court if unrelated to bankruptcy))
11 (Recovery of money/property - 542 turnover of property)
12 (Recovery of money/property - 547 preference)

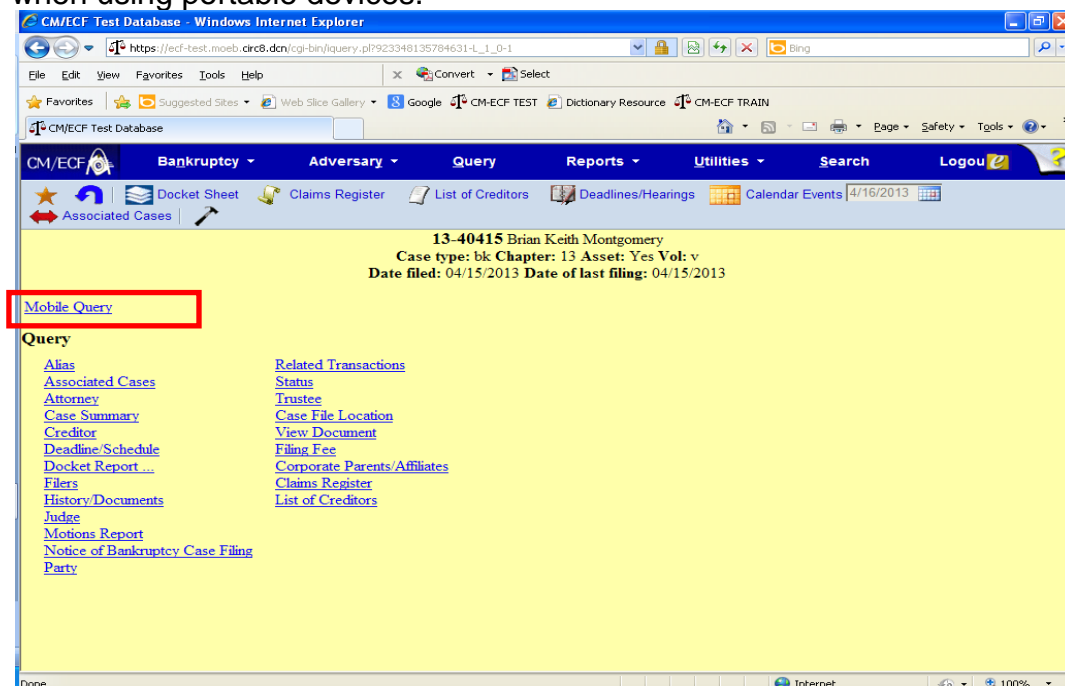
Run Query Clear

If multiple Nature of Suits are selected for a query, CM/ECF displays a message that the search could produce many records and lead to a large billing charge.



Mobile Query

A new mobile query feature is available which streamlines the basic CM/ECF search when using portable devices.



Mobile Query is compatible with smart phones such as the iPhone and the Android, as well as with BlackBerrys and other PDAs that can access web applications.

The Mobile Query is not a separate program, but an abbreviated search feature that can be accessed directly from the CM/ECF application or PACER. PACER customers will be charged the standard PACER fees.

Multiple Social Security and Identification Numbers

CM/ECF now allows up to five social security numbers and tax identifications numbers for each debtor and joint debtor.

After a social security number is entered a plus icon appears beside the SSN/TaxID/EIN field. If the debtor or joint debtor has another SSN/TaxID/EIN, click the “plus” icon for another field to be displayed for additional number(s). CM/ECF will now format the numbers if you don’t insert hyphens.

ECF Bankruptcy Adversary Query Reports Utilities Search Logout

Debtor Information

Last name Adams First name Donna
 Middle name Generation Title
SSN/ITIN 589-56-8956 + 999-99-9999 Tax Id/EIN 12-1234567
 Office Address 1
 Address 2 Address 3
 City State Zip
 County Country
 Phone Fax
 E-mail
 Party text

Alias... Corporate parent / affiliate... Review... Add all aliases and corporate parents or affiliates before clicking the Submit button.
 Submit Cancel Clear

All SSN and TaxID/EIN numbers have been included in all reports and functions throughout the application. Public notices and docket sheets will continue to only display the last four digits of any social security or identification number.

ECF Bankruptcy Adversary Query Reports Utilities Search Logout

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
SDSD (Pleasantville)
Bankruptcy Petition #: 12-10059
Date filed: 05/09/2012

Assigned to:
Chapter 13
Voluntary
Asset

Debtor
Donna Adams
120 Sunny Lane
San Antonio, TX 78956
SAILEX, TX
represented by **Dayne L. Tracy**
120 Legal Way
San Antonio, TX 78259
Email: deadmail@support.aotx.uscourts.gov

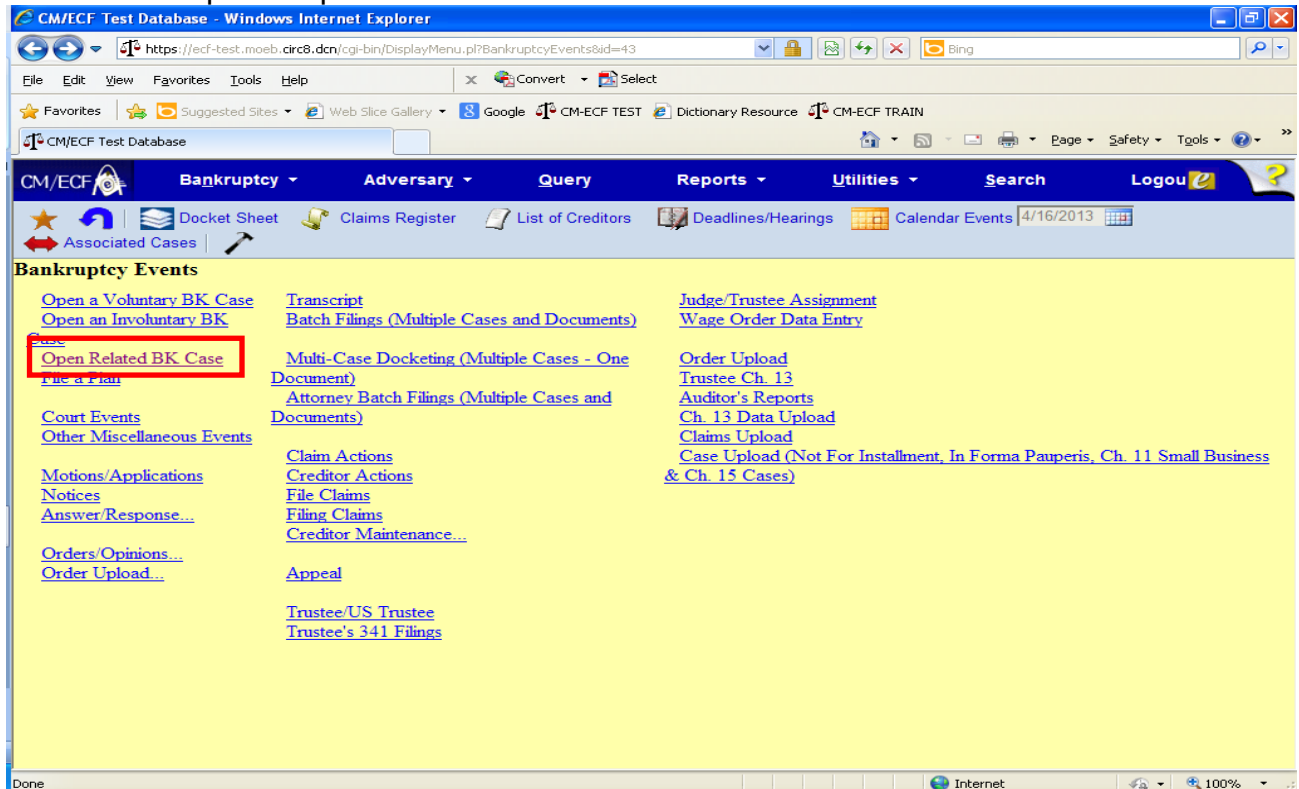
SSN / ITIN: XXX-XX-8956, XXX-XX-5689, XXX-XX-8956, XXX-XX-8956, XXX-XX-5621

U.S. Trustee
United States Trustee
33 Whitehall Street
21st Floor
New York, NY 10004
212 510-0500

Filing Date	#	Docket Text
	1	Chapter 13 Voluntary Petition . Receipt Number cc, Fee Amount \$281 Filed by Donna Adams (Tracy, Dayne)

Open Related BK Case

A new menu option “Open Related BK Case” is available.



This menu option should be used when “new” related cases are being filed and not when a debtor/party has filed a prior case.

Notice of Electronic Filing

In prior releases, when an attorney represented more than one party in a case, the attorney's email and party information were listed on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) only for the first party. Now the attorney is listed for each party they represent.

Although an attorney may be listed multiple times on an NEF, the system will not send multiple emails.

The screenshot shows the ECF (Electronic Case Filing) interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Bankruptcy', 'Adversary', 'Query', 'Reports', 'Utilities', and 'Search'. The main content area is titled 'U.S. Bankruptcy Court SDCS' and displays a 'Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing'. The notice text states: 'The following transaction was received from Liska, Deanna entered on 5/22/2012 at 8:07 AM CDT and filed on 5/21/2012 at 9:00 AM CDT'. It lists the case name as 'Chip Randall and Sandy Randall', case number '12-10067', and document number '1'. The docket text includes 'Chapter 13 Voluntary Petition . Receipt Number cc, Fee Amount \$281 Filed by Chip Randall , Sandy Randall (Liska, Deanna)'. It also lists the document description as 'Main Document' with the original filename 'R:\TRN\BK\Application Class\Web\Class PDF Files\Voluntary Petition.pdf'. An 'Electronic document Stamp' is provided with a unique ID and date. Finally, it lists the attorney 'Dayne L. Tracy' on behalf of the debtor and joint debtor, with their email address 'deadmail@support.aotx.uscourts.gov'.

Attorney and Party Association

When an attorney or trustee files a pleading, they are prompted to indicate whether they should be linked to the party they represent. In prior releases, the checkbox for the association with the attorney and party was unchecked and if the filer did not check the box, the association was not made.

Now the checkbox for the association with the attorney and party is checked by default. The message has been updated to reflect the implications of omitting this necessary association. If the box is unchecked, the attorney will not get added to the case for noticing or shown in queries and not appear on or receive the Notice of Electronic Filing.

The screenshot shows the 'File a Motion' screen in the ECF system. It displays case information for '12-10042 Billy Cameron', including 'Type: bk', 'Chapter: 13 v', 'Office: 1 (Pleasantville)', 'Assets: y', and 'Case Flag: PlnDue'. A prominent red message states: 'IMPORTANT: The following attorney/party association(s) will be created in this case. De-selecting a party association will result in the filing attorney NOT receiving Notices of Electronic Filing for that party. If this is a joint filing, review the list carefully to ensure that only parties represented by the filing attorney are selected.' Below this, there is a checked checkbox for 'First Car Loan, (pty:cr) represented by Mason, Perry P. (aty)'. At the bottom, there are 'Next' and 'Clear' buttons.

Cases Report

Transferred and reopened dates have been added to the selection screen.

External users can now search for cases without a confirmed plan. When searching by unconfirmed plan dates, the 31-day range limit does not apply for this search. Type of debtor, nature of debt, nature of business as well as county have been added to the selection screen

Cases Report – Data Only

In prior releases, when the Cases Report was run with “Party Information” not selected, a party’s attorney information was displayed on the formatted data output, but not on the data-only output. Now the data-only output lists the attorney information for the parties in the Attorney last name field, as shown below.

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CaseFiledRPT[1] - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
[12-10054 *SEALED*|2012-10054|1337|05/07/2012|05/07/2012|bk|Pleasantville|05/07/2012|05/07/2012|
Sealed|Consumer/Non-business|12-10056|2012-10056|1339|13|05/07/2012|05/07/2012|bk|
Neilson|Anderson|BELL-TX|Pleasantville|Paid|Yes|Shelly Duran|Attorney for Debtor: Perry
P. Mason|Consumer/Non-business|Individual|12-10058|2012-10058|1341|13|05/08/2012|
05/08/2012|bk|Carson|Anderson|Bexar|Pleasantville|Paid|Yes|Alan Johnson|Attorney for
Debtor: Dayne L. Tracy|Consumer/Non-business|Individual|12-10059|2012-10059|1342|13|
05/09/2012|05/09/2012|bk|BAILEY-TX|Pleasantville|Paid|Yes|Donna Adams|Attorney for
Debtor: Dayne L. Tracy|Consumer/Non-business|Individual|12-10060|2012-10060|1343|13|
05/11/2012|05/11/2012|bk|Bexar|Pleasantville|Paid|Yes|Savannah Black|Debtor: Pro
se|Consumer/Non-business|Individual|12-10061|2012-10061|1344|13|05/14/2012|05/14/2012|bk|
Strasberg|Bexar|Pleasantville|Paid|Yes|Frank Smith|Attorney for Debtor: Cornelius
Applebee|Consumer/Non-business|Individual|12-10062|2012-10062|1345|7|05/14/2012|
05/14/2012|bk|MayFair|Strasberg|BEXAR-TX|Pleasantville|Paid|No|Frank Smith|Attorney
for Debtor: Cornelius Applebee|Consumer/Non-business|Individual|12-10063|2012-10063|1346|7|
05/15/2012|05/15/2012|bk|MayFair|Strasberg|BEXAR-TX|Pleasantville|Paid|No|Clinton J.
Rawlings|Debtor: Pro se|Consumer/Non-business|Individual|12-10064|2012-10064|1347|7|
05/15/2012|05/15/2012|bk|BEXAR-TX|Pleasantville|Paid|No|Frank Smith|Debtor: Pro
se|Consumer/Non-business|Individual|12-10065|2012-10065|1348|7|05/18/2012|05/18/2012|bk|
BEXAR-TX|Pleasantville|Paid|No|Frank Thomas|Attorney for Debtor: Perry P.
Mason|Consumer/Non-business|Individual|12-10067|2012-10067|1350|7|13|05/23/2012|05/21/2012|
05/22/2012|bk|Anderson|BEXAR-TX|Pleasantville|Paid|No|Chip Randall and sandy
Randa|Attorney for Debtor: Dayne L. Tracy|Attorney for Joint Debtor: Dayne L. Tracy|
Consumer/Non-business|Individual|12-10068|2012-10068|1351|7|05/29/2012|05/29/2012|bk|AUSTIN-TX|
Pleasantville|Installation|No|Peter Woolrich|Attorney for Debtor: Perry P.
Mason|Consumer/Non-business|Individual|
    
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If multiple attorneys exist for various parties, the role and attorney are listed, separated by semicolons, in the same field. For parties without an attorney, the text “Pro se” is displayed instead of the attorney name.

A new format option, “Include field descriptions,” has been added for use when the data-only format is selected. The field descriptions are inserted in the header row.

Claims Summary Report

A Claims Summary Report option has been added to the Claims Register. This new format gives the viewer a snapshot overview of the claims on the case.

The screenshot shows the 'Claims Register' web interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, and Logout. Below the tabs, the 'Claims Register' section contains several input fields: Case number (1:12-bk-10031), Creditor type (dropdown menu with 'Creditor' and 'Administrative' options), Creditor name, Claim number (with 'to' field), and a date range (1/1/1990 to 6/4/2012). There are also 'Sort by' dropdowns for 'Claim Number' and 'Filed Date'. A checkbox labeled 'View claims summary report' is checked and highlighted with a red box. At the bottom of the form are 'Run Report' and 'Clear' buttons.

The Claims Summary Report box produces a condensed list of claims.

Claims Summary

11-10004 Clinton H. Vesperman and Anna C. Vesperman

Type: bk Chapter: 13 Office: 1 (Pleasantville)
 Assets: y Judge: ls
 Date Filed: 03/10/2011 Last Date to File Claims: 07/07/2011 Last Date to File (Govt): 09/06/2011
 Trustee: Kathleen Nelson

Claim #	Amount claimed *	Date filed	Creditor number	Creditor name
1 View	\$37334.27	03/14/2011	32739	Ace Finance
2 View	\$14335.00	03/15/2011	32779	Central Finance
3 View	\$17554.00	03/17/2011	32739	Ace Finance
4 View	\$24667.23	03/17/2011	32756	Lacks Furniture #19
5 View	\$3700.00	03/17/2011	32739	Ace Finance
6 View	\$17346.78	09/16/2011	35278	2nd Savings and Loan Inc.
7 View	\$12778.00	09/16/2011	35279	The Doctor's Plaza
8 View	\$87345.23	09/16/2011	35280	First Bank of Austin

Total Number of Claims: 8

Total Amount Claimed *	\$215060.51
Total Amount Allowed *	

* Includes general unsecured claims

Hovering your cursor over the amount claimed will display a breakdown of the claim amounts. The View hyperlink takes you to more detailed information for this claim on the claims register. Click the creditor name to view claimant address or transfer information. You can sort the report by clicking the column headers for Claim #, Date Filed and Creditor name.

Claims Register View Multiple Documents

One can now view multiple documents from the Claims Register in one PDF file. This is the same functionality as View multiple documents on the Docket Report. This feature will enable you to generate selected PDF claims with any related attachments in one PDF document.

The Claims Register will include a checkbox next to each claim, claim attachment, or claim related proceeding to customize this document. Each PDF selected will be combined into one large PDF file. You could view or print all claims on a case or all PDF documents from certain creditors if desired.

Event	Date	Description	Action
1-1	03/14/2011	Claim #1 filed by First Nationwide Mortgage Corp, Amount claimed: \$37334.27 (JPW)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	03/21/2011	Transfer of Claim Transferrer: First Nationwide Mortgage Corp (Claim No. 1) To Ecast Settlement Corporation (JPW) Additional attachment(s) added on 8/24/2011 (JPW),(JPW) (Entered: 03/21/2011). MODIFIED on (08/30/2011) Changed transferee from Ecast Settlement Corporation to Pioneer Funding group(Malin, Kate)(Entered: 08/30/2011). MODIFIED on (09/15/2011) to change transferee from Pioneer Funding group, LLC to Ace Finance; (JPW)(Entered: 09/15/2011). Status: Allow	<input type="checkbox"/>
doc	03/23/2012	Notice of Mortgage Payment Change (Claim # 1) Filed by Joint Debtor Anna C. Vesperman , Debtor Clinton H. Vesperman (Orebaugh, Desiree)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Case Conversion

Previously, if a case was converted and re-converted, the Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing query screen reflected the converted chapter rather than the original chapter. Now the original chapter is saved permanently in a new field. The original chapter will be correct for cases filed and converted after Release 5.



The original chapter and current chapter will also display on the Case Summary Query and the Docket Sheet for cases converted or re-converted after Release 5.



Transfer of Claims

Effective May 1, 2013, a \$25.00 filing fee will be charged for each claim transfer filed with the Court pursuant to FRBP Rule 3001(e).



The Transfer of Claim event has been updated to reflect that a filing fee is due with the filing of the Transfer of Claim. The Internet Payments Functionality in CM/ECF has been modified to allow for electronic payment of this new filing fee by using pay.gov (follow the path: Utilities → Internet Payments Due).

RSS Feed

Previously, when multiple events were docketed for a case in a short period of time, some events that met the setup criteria for an RSS Feed were omitted in error. This has been corrected.

The RSS Feed has been expanded to report the previous 24 hours from 12 hours.