

# How to Conduct Online Record Searches

The District Court does not offer court clearances of any kind, and while we can conduct record searches, we generally do not do so for human resource departments. Instead, we offer the ability for employers to conduct employee record searches from the comfort of their own offices or at a free public terminal at the courthouse.

These online searches have several advantages over the current record searches conducted by the District Court:

- 1. They can be done in the comfort of your own office for as little as ten cents per search, as opposed to the normal \$34.00 charge, or they can be done on a dedicated terminal at the U.S. Courthouse for free.
- 2. They are national in scope, unlike the searches conducted by the District Court which are limited to cases filed on Guam.
- 3. Electronic searches can be conducted by the employer itself and the potential employees are not relied upon to deliver a document that is central to their own background investigation.

Record searches can be accomplished in just a few easy steps:

- 1. Establish a U.S. Courts PACER Account.
- 2. Log in to the PACER Case Locator
- 3. Conduct a Search for Civil, Criminal, Bankruptcy or Appellate cases based upon a person's first or last name.
- 4. Print the results or click on case records to find out more information.

## 1) Establish your PACER account

"PACER" stands for "Public Access to Court Electronic Records" and is the system that allows one to search Appellate, Civil, Criminal, and Bankruptcy records through the internet.

Use this link to register online for PACER: <u>Register for an Account</u>. If you supply a credit card, you can get your id and password online. If not, the PACER Service Center will mail it to you.

PACER services costs 10 cents per result, and most employee record searches are a single page. The PACER Service Center mails quarterly billing statements unless you have signed up for automatic credit card billing. Each quarter a statement will be generated and mailed for your account if you have accrued charges during the quarter and have a balance due greater than \$15. If your monthly usage is less than \$15, we recommend that you wait for your quarterly invoice before remitting payment. Balances that do not exceed \$15 in a quarterly billing cycle are waived.

You should be able to get all of your Pacer related questions answered at: <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>, but if you have problems with your pacer account when you get it, call us at the District Court, and we'll help you through it.

## 2) Log in to the PACER Case Locator

Using your favorite internet browser, go to: PACER Case Locator.

Login to the system using your PACER id and password.

#### 3) Conducting the Search

After logging in, click on the "Find Parties" link. You should see a screen like the following:

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In the "Party" text boxes, enter the last name and first name of the employee you are searching for.

Choose "dft" for party role and "Criminal" for court type if you wish to limit the results of your search to criminal cases only. Then press the "Search Button".

If any federal court cases exist for the employee, you will see a screen containing something like this:

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White, Charles (dft)	☆ 4:1993cr00103	USA v. Hubbard, et al	Georgia Southern District Court	08/04/1993	05/09/1994	
White, Charles (dft)	☆ 4:1993cr00135	USA v. Hubbard, et al	Georgia Southern District Court	09/22/1993	12/07/1993	
White, Charles (dft)	☆ 1:2013cr00185	USA v. White - Charles White	Georgia Southern District Court	06/25/2013	02/10/2014	
🕦 White, Charles (dft)	☆ 1:2020mj00215	USA v. White - Charles White	Idaho District Court	07/31/2020	08/11/2020	
🕦 White, Charles (dft)	☆ 1:2020cr00170	USA v. White - Charles White	Idaho District Court	08/11/2020	01/14/2022	
White, Charles (dft)	☆ 11999cr00545	United States of America v. Jackson et al - Charles White	Illinois Northern District Court	07/23/1999	11/09/2000	
🕦 White, Charles (dft)	☆ 1:2006cr00763	USA v. Helton et al - Charles White	Illinois Northern District Court	01/17/2007	09/28/2011	
🕦 White, Charles (dft)	☆ 1:1998cr00445	USA v. Spain - Charles White	Illinois Northern District Court	07/17/1998	12/03/1998	
WHITE, CHARLES (dft)	☆ 1:1999cr00005	USA v. WHITE, CHARLES	Indiana Southern District Court	01/15/1999	07/10/1999	
() White, Charles (dft)	☆ 22023cr00063	USA v. Johnson et al - Charles White	Louisiana Eastern District Court	04/14/2023		
🕄 White, Charles (dft)	☆ 1:1977cr00243	USA v. White - Charles White Jr.	Maryland District Court	05/03/1977	09/01/1977	
🚯 White, Charles (dft)	☆ 2:1993cr80122	USA v. White - Charles White	Michigan Eastern District Court	02/05/1993	12/15/1993	
White, Charles (dft)	☆ 2:1993mj80122	USA v. White - Charles White	Michigan Eastern District Court	02/05/1993		
White, Charles (dft)	☆ 3:1994cr00119	USA v. Brooks - Charles White	Mississippi Southern District Court	10/24/1994	02/14/1995	
White, Charles (dft)	☆ 3:1995cr00013	USA v. Brooks - Charles White	Mississippi Southern District Court	02/23/1995	09/29/1995	
🚯 White, Charles (dft)	☆ <u>1:1981mj00095</u>	USA v. White - Charles White Jr.	New Hampshire District Court	10/01/1981	03/08/1982	
🚯 White, Charles (dft)	☆ 2:2001cr00075	USA vs CHARLES WHITE	Nevada District Court	02/28/2001	11/16/2001	

#### 4) Download the Results

You may print the results on your browser screen at any time, or alternatively, click on the "Download" link at the top of your results to get the results into a text file that you may then save on your computer.

To conduct a search on another employee, click the "New Search" link at the top of the screen.

To securely log off the PACER Case Locator, click on the "Logout" link in the dropdown menu that appears when you click on your account name on the top right side of the screen.