

# NEXT GENERATION OF CM/ECF

August 2014

CM  ECF

# Court Involvement

## CACM CM/ECF Subcommittee

### Advisory Groups

- Project Steering Group – 13 members
- Appellate CM/ECF Working Group – 13 members
- District CM/ECF Working Group – 12 members
- Bankruptcy CM/ECF Working Group – 12 members
- Functional Requirements Groups (FRGs) – phase 1

Expert Panels – for each of the 7 Release 1 tasks

Court Staff TDYs

# Court Involvement

Court staff actively collaborating in:

- Design
  - drafting (TDYs)
  - ongoing review & comment (working groups & expert panels)
- Software Coding
  - modules & web services (TDYs)
- Testing – early and often
  - new modules (TDYs, expert panels, MLO courts)
  - new releases (TDYs, expert panels, MLO courts)

# Project Roadmap

## Release 1.0 - October 2014 (Appellate only)

- Appellate Attorney Filing
  - Central Sign-On
  - Workspace
  - PDF-G
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- Release 1.0 posted to MLO Courts June 23, 2014

# Project Roadmap

## Release 1.1 - February 2015

- Judge Review Packets
- Bankruptcy Case Opening (including eSR)
- Workspace
- Docket Activity Report
- Central Sign-on
- PDF-G
- Expected to be posted for MLO courts  
October 2014

# Project Roadmap

## Release 1.2 – June 2015

- Calendar
- Bankruptcy Judge Trustee Assignment
- Expected to be posted for MLO courts  
February 2015

# Release 1.1 - Workspace

- User's home screen that is customized with portlets for specific job types to perform specific tasks.
- Portlets are small software programs that deliver specific information (e.g., My Cases) or are designed to launch other applications such as Calendaring within the CM/ECF system.
- Portlets can communicate directly with each other.
- 22 portlets will be delivered in Release 1.

# Release 1 - Reports

- Release 1 includes a new reporting tool, SAP Business Objects. Business Objects will use the Enterprise Data Warehouse that is already used by other national systems.
- One report developed in Business Objects for each court type
- SDSD will offer Business Objects user training for the development of ad hoc reports.

# Release 1.1 – Central Sign-On

- CSO will allow court and public users to have one login and password to access any NextGen Court
- The PACER Service Center will host a centralized website where Public users will register for PACER, Electronic Filing, and Attorney Admission
- Judiciary users will use their JENIE credentials to access CM/ECF
- The PACER Service Center will also allow users to store credit card information for payment of filing and attorney admission fees

# Release 1.1 – Judge Review Packets

- Judge Review Packets will allow judges and chambers staff to bundle related documents and information into an electronic package.
- The review packet may be simultaneously accessed by chambers personnel and clerk's office staff as they prepare for a hearing or trial.

# Release 1.1 – Bk Case Opening

- CM/ECF will collect all petition and schedule data from attorneys using new petition / updated petition preparation software.
- eSR (electronic Self Representation) is included as a court option for pro se debtors to prepare, but not file, the petition and schedules. Debtors will “submit” the package, then courts will upload it when other requirements such as fees, local forms, and signatures have been met.
- Data collected will be available to judiciary users through ad hoc reports.
- Courts may choose to require the filing fee to open the case.

# Release 1.2- Calendar

- Each user may choose the information they desire to see in a particular calendar view.
- The calendar framework will be composed of independent movable panels or windows, which will support several ways to view calendar information (hourly, daily, hearing detail, etc.).
- In addition to panels, each calendar view will include a customizable toolbar to modify content displays.
- Personal calendars may be integrated providing complete but private views.
- Coming in a future release will be integrated order and docketing processing.

# Implementation

## Server Centralization – prerequisite

- Red Hat & Informix upgraded
- CTHO capacity – 8 courts per month

## Monitor Live Operations

\$75,000 one-time NextGen assistance allotment

# Implementation

## Court Prep Kit

- action items and example task project plan

Various training modules under development (ELMs)

Operations Forum – Spring 2015

# How to Prepare for NextGen

- Get individual PACER accounts for court staff who need them
- Migrate to centralized hosting and upgrade Informix
- Add employee's email address to CM/ECF account (for JENIE conversion)

# On to Release 2

- The three court type CM/ECF working groups started prioritization discussions at AO meeting on July 31-Aug 1
- Agile development process will be used in the future

# Project Information

- JNet -> Information Technology -> National Systems Supported -> CM/ECF/Next Generation:

<http://jnet.ao.dcn/resources/national-applications-and-systems-supported/case-managementelectronic-case-files-cmecf-next-generation>

- Project schedule
- Video recordings of release 1 modules