

Mandatory On-line Credit Card Payment for District Court fees

Effective January 1, 2007, CM/ECF filing in District Court is mandatory. At the same time any Court fees imposed must be paid for using a credit card. Pay.gov is an online payment system developed by the United States Treasury.

As you are filing fee related items on CM/ECF you will receive a pop-up requesting credit card payment information. A traditional style of credit card screen will appear requesting your account information. Once the information is completed you will submit the charge for payment and proceed with your filing as you have in the past. A docket entry containing the case information, fee amount paid and receipt number will appear following a successful transaction. Please note that you must complete the credit card payment screen and submit for payment. Your filings requiring a fee will not be entered into the Court record if the fee is not paid at the time of filing. CM/ECF is programmed to only proceed with filing and docketing of an event once the fees have been paid.

Attorneys will also be able to generate an "Internet Payment History" report from CM/ECF. This report will allow you to review credit card payments for a specified period of time. It should be useful in reconciling credit card accounts and charges. If any problems such as duplicate charges are discovered, you are asked to call the financial section of the court at (713) 250-5875.