## Link PACER to NextGen CM/ECF

## Procedure

NOTE: This process cannot be completed until the Northern District of Alabama has upgraded to NextGen CM/ECF on February 28, 2022.

Prior to filing in, or using, NextGen for the first time you must link your upgraded PACER account to your Northern District of Alabama CM/ECF (filing) account. This is a one-time procedure. After linking your accounts, you will use your PACER account for all filing and viewing access to the court. This is referred to as your Central Sign-On account.

Step	Action
1	Go to <u>https://ecf.alnd.uscourts.gov</u> and click on <b>CM/ECF – Document</b> Filing System.
2	You will be taken to the PACER LOGIN page. Log in with your <b>upgraded</b> PACER account (see instructions for Upgrading Your PACER account, if necessary). Enter your <b>Username</b> and <b>Password</b> and select <b>Login</b> .
	PACER LOGIN Your browser must be set to accept cookies in order to log in 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.
	Login
	Username * * Password *
	Client Code *
	Login         Clear         Cancel           Need an Account?   Forgot Your Password?   Forgot User Name?         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.
4	Click <b>Utilities</b> on the menu bar
	CMmECF Query Reports - Utilities - Help Log Out
5	Click Link a CM/ECF account to my PACER account
	Your Account Change Client Code Change PACER Exemption Status Link a CM/ECF account to my PACER account Citation Display Preferences Review Billing History

Step	Action
6	Enter your CM/ECF login and password. This is the court issued account you use <b>for filing or viewing documents</b> . If you do not know the information, you must contact the court to have the password reset.
	CM/ECF login: cs5184 * CM/ECF password:
	Submit Clear
7	Click Submit
8	Ensure that the CM/ECF name and PACER names match. Click Submit Link a CMECF account to my PACER account Do you want to link these accounts? MEECF John Attorney PACER John Attorney After you submit this screen, your old e-filing credentials for the CMECF account will be permanently linked to your upgraded PACER account. Use your upgraded PACER account to e-file in this court.
9	You will get a message that the accounts are linked. You will now use your PACER account for electronic filings in the CM/ECF system. Link a CM/ECF account to my PACER account The CM/ECF account for John Attorney is now linked to your CSO account.
10	Click on one of the menu items on the menu bar (except Log Out) to update the menu. Query Reports - Utilities - Search Help Log Out
11	The <b>Civil</b> and <b>Criminal</b> (filing) menu items now appear along with the others. This account is now ready for filing documents. $\overrightarrow{CMmECF} \ \boxed{Civil} \ \overrightarrow{Criminal} \ \underline{Query} \ \underline{Reports} \ \underline{Utilities} \ \underline{Search}$