

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MAINE



NEW FUNCTIONALITY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 26, 2013

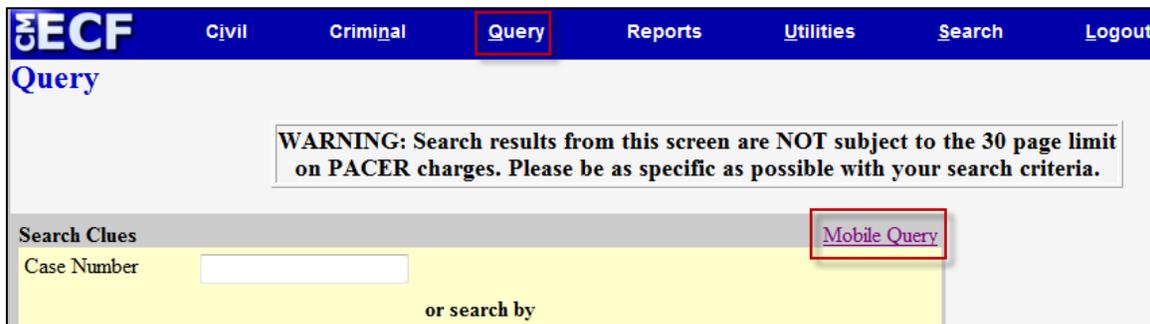
Overview

The District of Maine’s CM/ECF system will be upgraded on October 26, 2013. The upgrade contains several new changes that will assist PACER and attorney users. The new features are explained in more detail below:

- **Mobile Query** – offers an optimized display for mobile devices
- **PACER Locator** – offers links directly from the CM/ECF screen to PACER Locator and Other Courts
- **Opinions to FDsys** – offers free links to written opinions
- **Query Screen** – offers several enhancements to the query feature in CM/ECF

CM/ECF Mobile Query

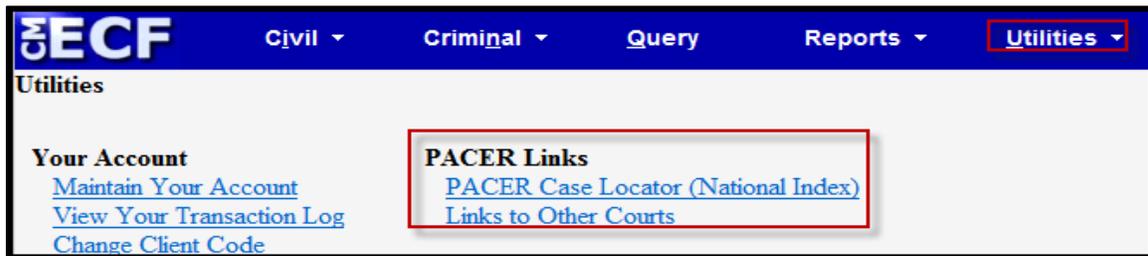
The new Mobile Query interface offers a simplified user experience optimized for mobile device display when querying cases in CM/ECF. Users can access the mobile query via the Mobile Query link on the Query selection criteria page or through the Mobile Query link on the Query results page.



Attached at the end of this document, please see the step-by-step slides presented by the Administrative Office of the US Courts for details on the functionality of Mobile Query.

Links to PACER Locator

The utilities section of CM/ECF now includes PACER links to other court dockets as well as the PACER Locator (National Index).



Please keep in mind the following login scenarios:

- If a user who is logged into CM/ECF as a PACER user clicks on Links to Other Courts and selects a court, depending on the version of CM/ECF software the target court is on, the user may be required to re-enter login information.
- If a user who is logged into CM/ECF as a PACER user clicks on PACER Case Locator (National Index), the user will not be required to re-enter login information.
- If a user is logged into the PACER Service Center site, the user can access all court links as well as the PACER Case Locator (National Index) without having to re-enter login information.
- If a user does not have a PACER ID when initially logging into CM/ECF, the user will be prompted to log in at the PACER Locator site or any other court via Links to Other Courts.

Extraction of Opinions to GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys)

The Government Printing Office's (GPO) Federal Digital System (FDsys) provides free online access to official publications from all three branches of the Federal Government. Many orders issued by the District of Maine will now be available for viewing free of charge through the [FDsys](#) system.

Query Screen

- Party **roles** are now displayed beside party **names** listed on the **Select a Person** query screen. The party's role will appear in brackets after the (pty) designation for each party.

Select A Person

There were 10 matching people.

[DOE, JOHN](#) (pty) [counter claimant]
[DOE, JOHN](#) (pty) [defendant]
[DOE, JOHN](#) (pty) [interested party]
[DOE, JOHN](#) (pty) [plaintiff]
[DOE, JOHN](#) (aty)

- Once a party is selected from the **Select a Person** screen (shown above), the sub-header on the **Select a Case** screen now includes additional party role information as shown below:

Select A Case

JOHN DOE is a plaintiff in 3 cases.

[1:68-cv-00068-GZS](#) DOE v. JONES filed 07/23/04
[1:69-cv-00069-GZS](#) DOE, et al v. SMITH filed 07/23/04

- The Query selection screen now includes an **Exact Matches Only** checkbox. If this option is checked, the results include only exact matches to the search string entered in the *Last/Business Name* field.

Query

Search Clues

Case Number

or search by

Case Status: Open Closed All

Filed Date to

Last Entry Date to

Nature of Suit
0 (zero)
110 (Insurance)
120 (Contract Marine)

Cause of Action
0 (No cause code entered)
00:0000 (No Cause Code Entered)
02:0431 (02:431 Fed. Election Commission: Failure Enforce C)

Last/Business Name Exact matches only

First Name Middle Name

Type Prisoner ID

District Court CM/ECF

Version 6.1

MOBILE QUERY

SUMMARY OF FUNCTIONS

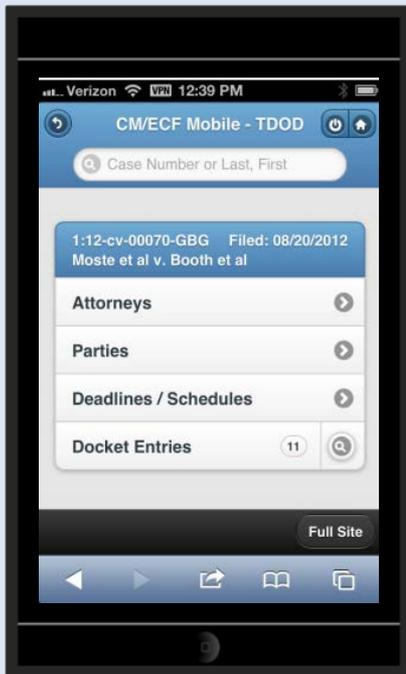
The mobile PACER Case Locator (PCL) provided by the PACER service center is now linked to the District CM/ECF application.

The interface offers a simplified user experience that's optimized for mobile device display.

The mobile query interface incorporates the following functions:

- ✓ Search interface
- ✓ Party selection from party name search
- ✓ Case selection from case search
- ✓ Attorney information
- ✓ Party information
- ✓ Deadlines/Hearings
- ✓ Docket entries
- ✓ PACER login

MOBILE DEVICES



Mobile query is compatible with smart phones, such as iPhone and Android (*v2.2 or higher*), as well as BlackBerrys and other PDAs that access web applications.

Mobile query is designed to function on any browser that can support basic HTML.

Users will notice a more attractive and effective interface for touch screen tablet computers, like the iPad.

ACCESSING THE MOBILE QUERY

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[Mobile Query](#)

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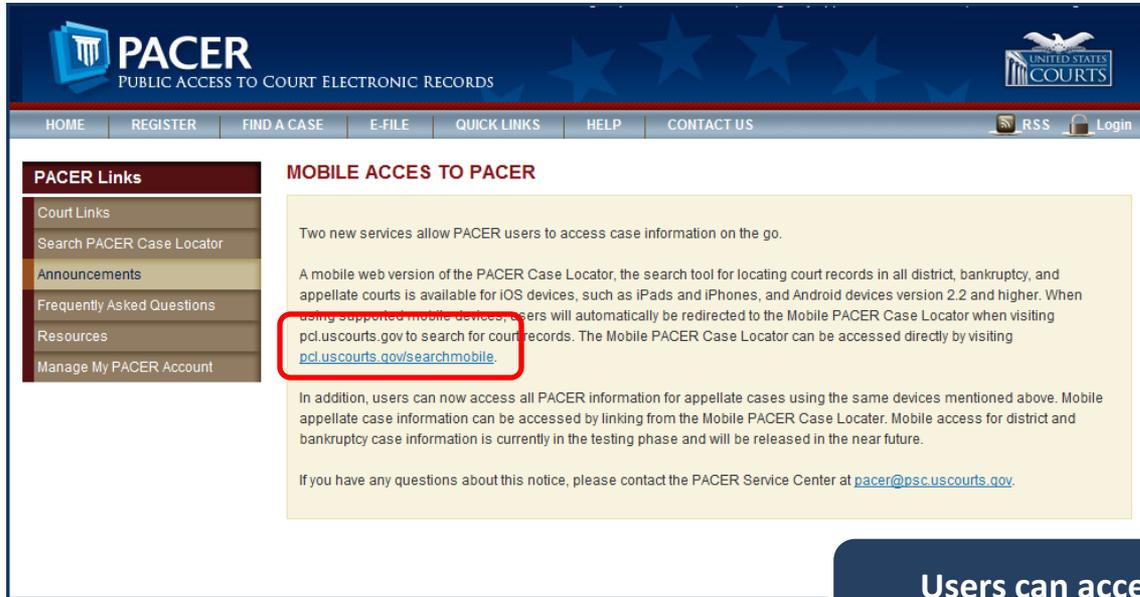
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Users can access the mobile query from...

1 - The Mobile Query link on the Query selection criteria page.

ACCESSING THE MOBILE QUERY



The screenshot shows the PACER website interface. The header includes the PACER logo and the text "PUBLIC ACCESS TO COURT ELECTRONIC RECORDS". The navigation menu contains links for HOME, REGISTER, FIND A CASE, E-FILE, QUICK LINKS, HELP, and CONTACT US. On the left, there is a "PACER Links" sidebar with options like Court Links, Search PACER Case Locator, Announcements, Frequently Asked Questions, Resources, and Manage My PACER Account. The main content area is titled "MOBILE ACCESS TO PACER" and contains a yellow box with text explaining mobile services. A red box highlights the URL pcl.uscourts.gov/searchmobile in the text.

PACER Links

- Court Links
- Search PACER Case Locator
- Announcements
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Resources
- Manage My PACER Account

MOBILE ACCESS TO PACER

Two new services allow PACER users to access case information on the go.

A mobile web version of the PACER Case Locator, the search tool for locating court records in all district, bankruptcy, and appellate courts is available for iOS devices, such as iPads and iPhones, and Android devices version 2.2 and higher. When using supported mobile devices, users will automatically be redirected to the Mobile PACER Case Locator when visiting pcl.uscourts.gov to search for court records. The Mobile PACER Case Locator can be accessed directly by visiting pcl.uscourts.gov/searchmobile.

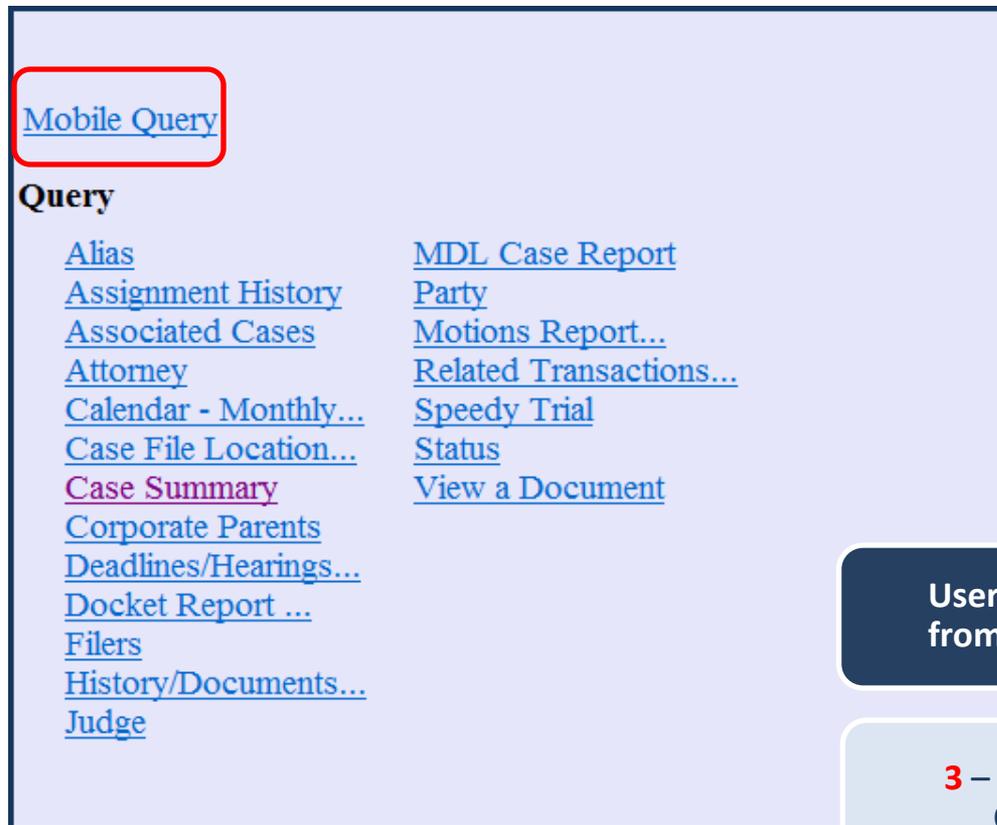
In addition, users can now access all PACER information for appellate cases using the same devices mentioned above. Mobile appellate case information can be accessed by linking from the Mobile PACER Case Locator. Mobile access for district and bankruptcy case information is currently in the testing phase and will be released in the near future.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the PACER Service Center at pacer@psc.uscourts.gov.

Users can access the mobile query from...

2 – A case link from the mobile PACER Case Locator (PCL).

ACCESSING THE MOBILE QUERY



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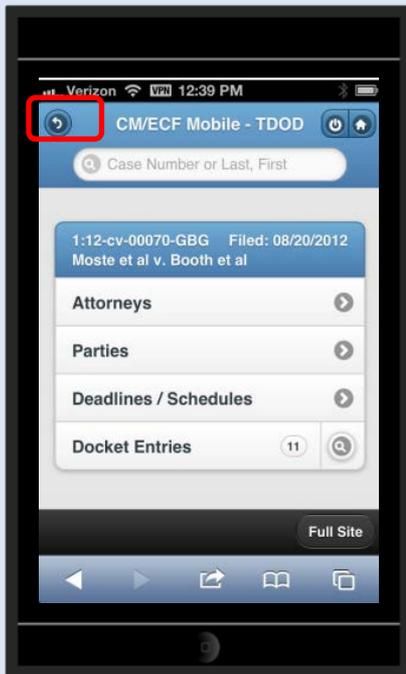
Query

Alias	MDL Case Report
Assignment History	Party
Associated Cases	Motions Report...
Attorney	Related Transactions...
Calendar - Monthly...	Speedy Trial
Case File Location...	Status
Case Summary	View a Document
Corporate Parents	
Deadlines/Hearings...	
Docket Report ...	
Filers	
History/Documents...	
Judge	

Users can access the mobile query from...

3 – The mobile query link on the Query results page.

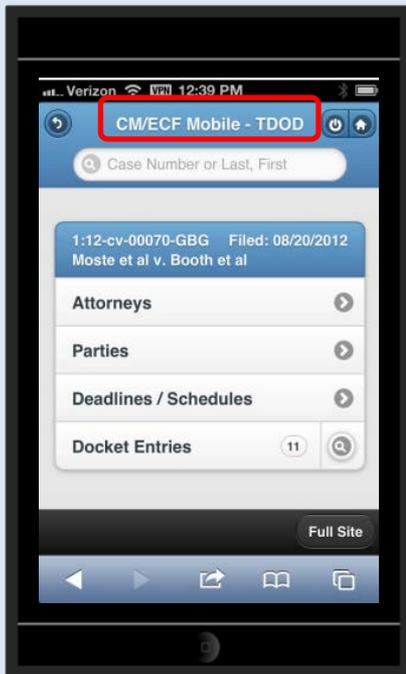
USER INTERFACE



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1 – A back button.

USER INTERFACE

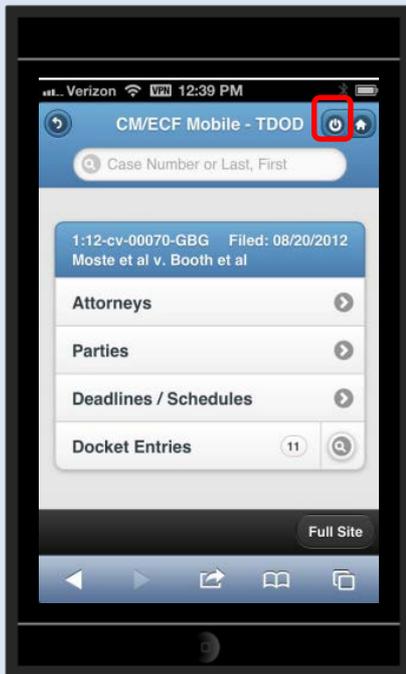


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2 – A title.

CM/ECF Mobile + site table
CourtShortName value.

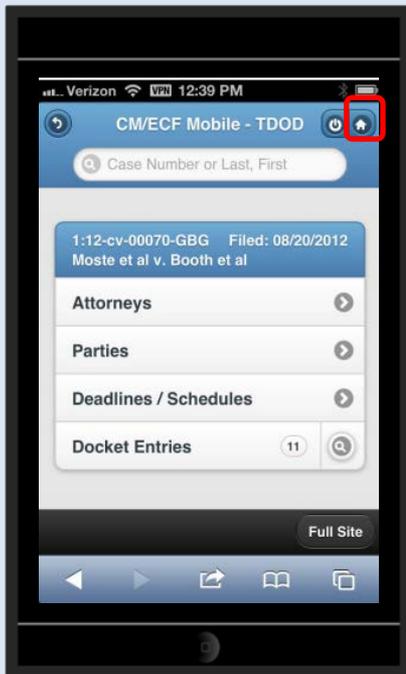
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3 – A logout button

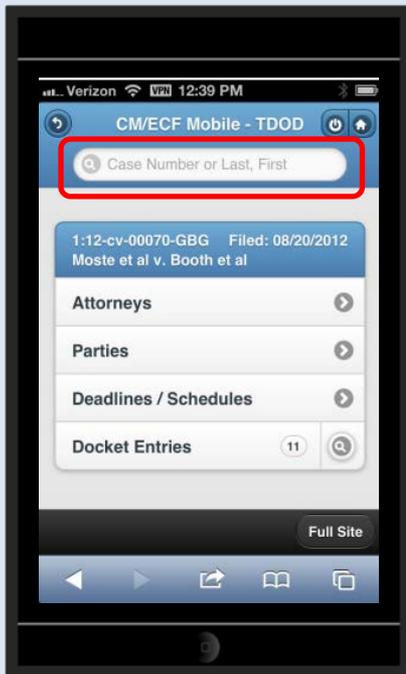
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4 – A court home page button
Uses the *BaseURL* site table record.

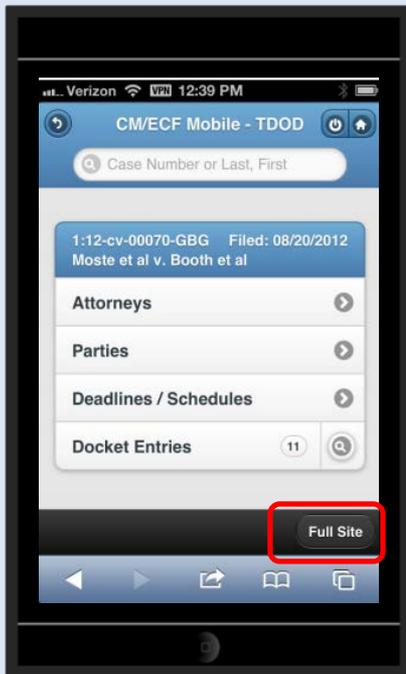
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5 – A search field
For party name or case searches.

USER INTERFACE



The default search screen contains one text field allowing users to search by:

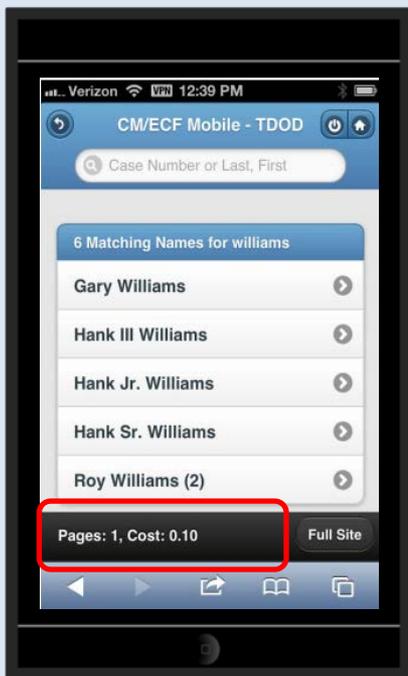
- ✓ Case number
- ✓ Party name
- ✓ Attorney

The mobile query site is optional. Users can choose to access the full CM/ECF site from their mobile device.

The **Full Site button** provides access to the standard-formatted application interface page.

If a user clicks the Full Site button, the full site is set as the default for as long as the browser cookie *uiexperience* persists, (roughly 12 hours).

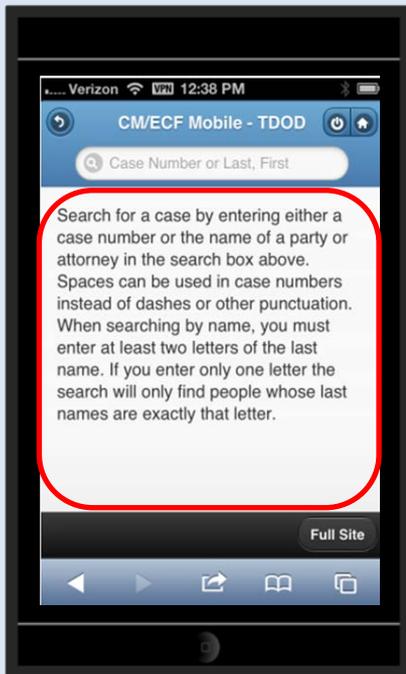
USER INTERFACE



If any specific page generates a PACER billing receipt...

A summary of the billing information is displayed at the bottom of the page.

NAME SEARCHES

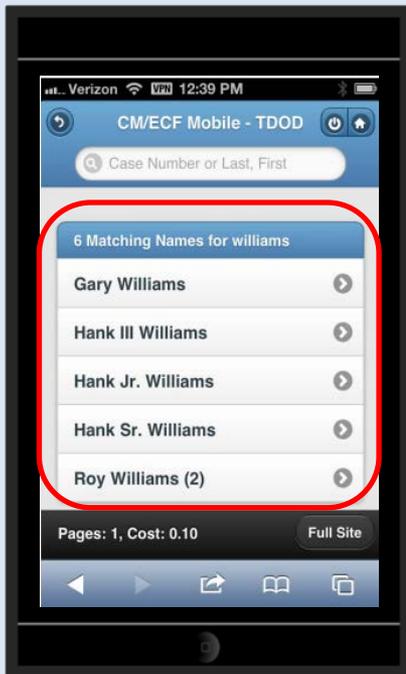


The required format is:

- ✓ Last Name, First Name
- ✓ Comma separated

Name searches require a minimum of two (2) characters.

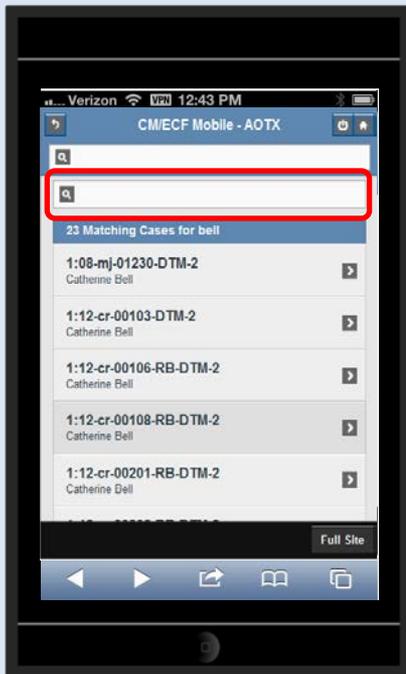
NAME SEARCHES



If appropriate, based on the criteria entered, all possible name matches are listed.

Users are required to select a specific name.

NAME SEARCHES



Query list results of more than eight (8), excluding the docket entry page, generate an on-page filter.

The on-page filter, located above the list results, allows users to search the results already downloaded to the browser.

This DOES NOT affect PACER billing.

NAME SEARCHES



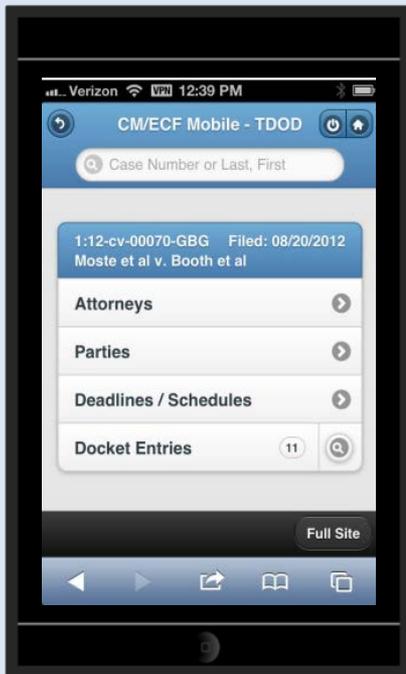
If one name matches the search but...

- ✓ Is linked to multiple cases, or
- ✓ If a user selects a specific name from the results list.

A list of cases associated with the party displays.

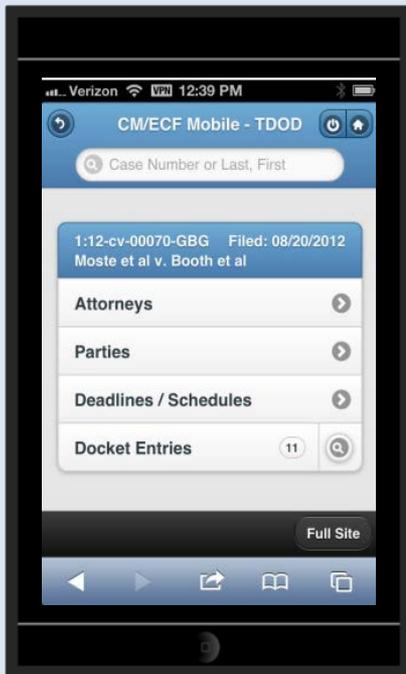
When a case is selected from the list, the case query screen is returned.

CASE SEARCHES



- ✓ **Numeric entries trigger a case number search.**
- ✓ **Alphanumeric entries trigger a party/attorney name search.**
- ✓ **If a case number search provides no results, the system automatically runs a name search using the same criteria.**
- ✓ **Spaces can be used in case numbers in place of dashes or other punctuation.**
- ✓ **Access restrictions are the same as in the main CM/ECF application.**

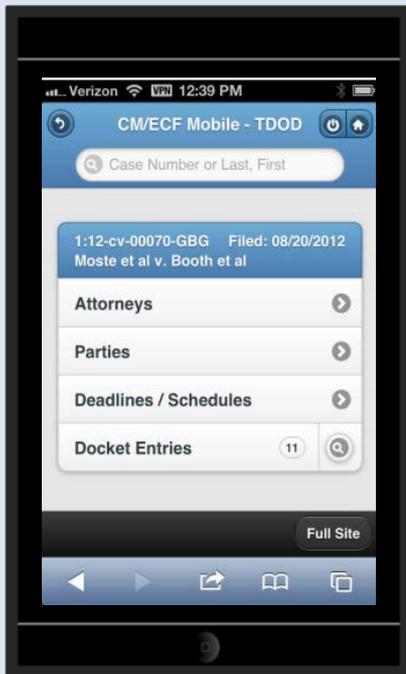
CASE SEARCHES



Like the Name Search function:

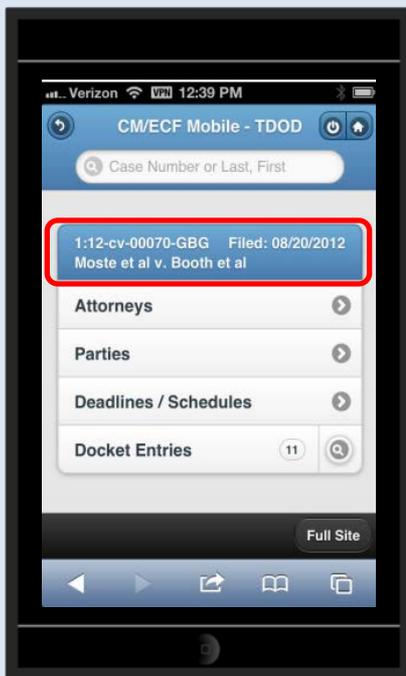
- ✓ If a case search returns multiple matches, and
- ✓ The interface presents a list of all matching cases,
- ✓ The user is required to select a specific case.
- ✓ Once a specific case is selected, the query screen for the case is returned.
- ✓ If only one case matches the entered criteria, the case query screen is displayed.

CASE SEARCHES



- ✓ The case number search DOES NOT generate a PACER billing receipt.
- ✓ The standard query application does not bill for the case number look up.
- ✓ The interim case selection page is provided to facilitate the look up process, but does not bill.

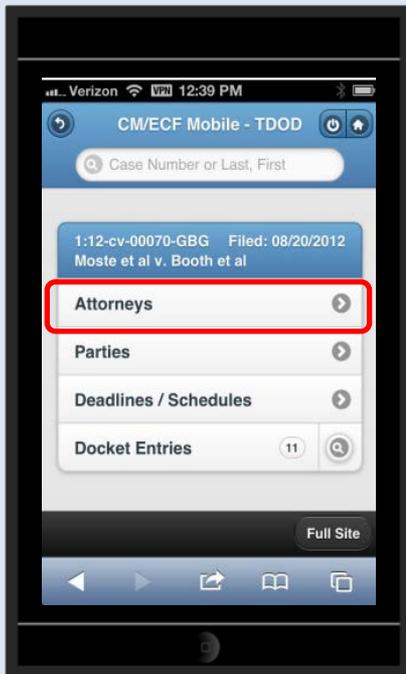
CASE QUERY RESULTS



The case query screen presents the following:

- ✓ Case number
- ✓ Short title
- ✓ Date filed

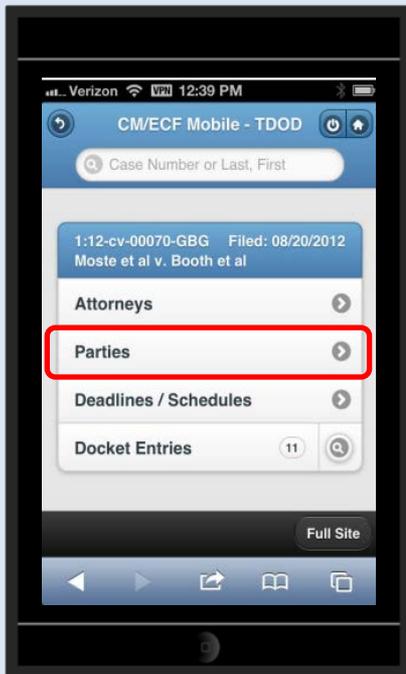
CASE QUERY RESULTS



The case query screen presents the following:

- ✓ Attorneys information link

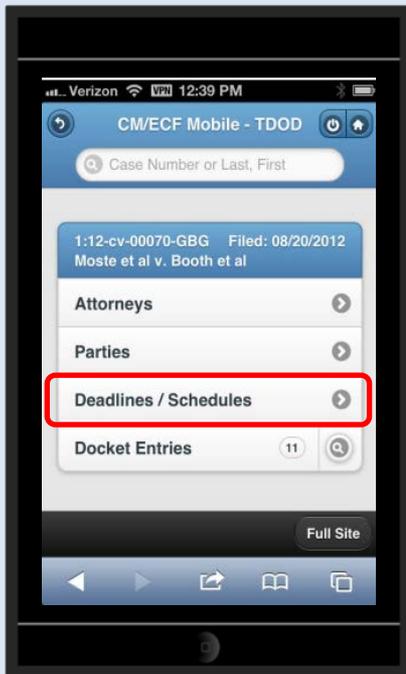
CASE QUERY RESULTS



The case query screen presents the following:

- ✓ Parties information link

CASE QUERY RESULTS



The case query screen presents the following:

- ✓ Deadlines/Schedules information link

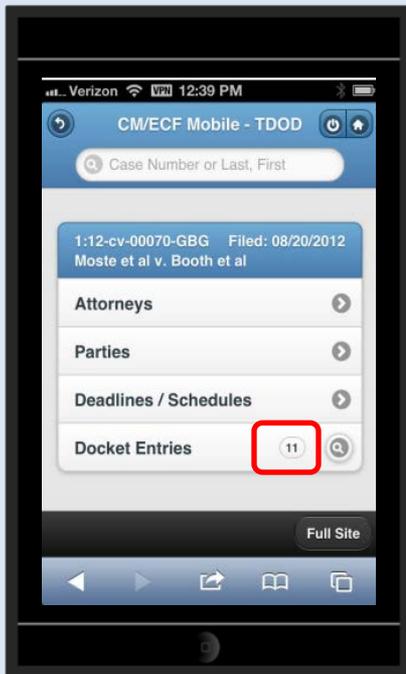
CASE QUERY RESULTS



The case query screen presents the following:

✓ Docket Entries link

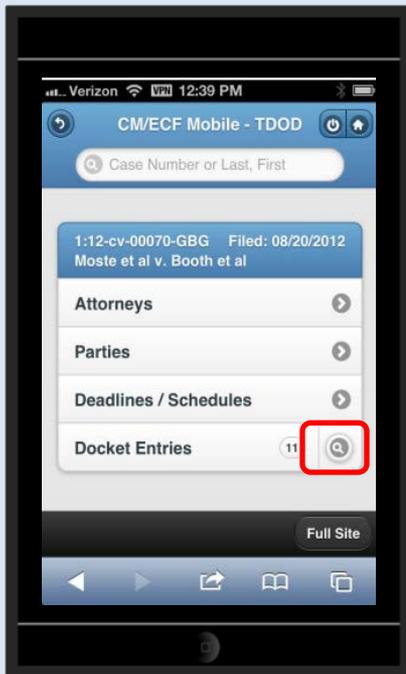
CASE QUERY RESULTS



The case query screen presents the following:

- ✓ Number of docket entries to display

CASE QUERY RESULTS



The case query screen presents the following:

✓ Docket entry search icon

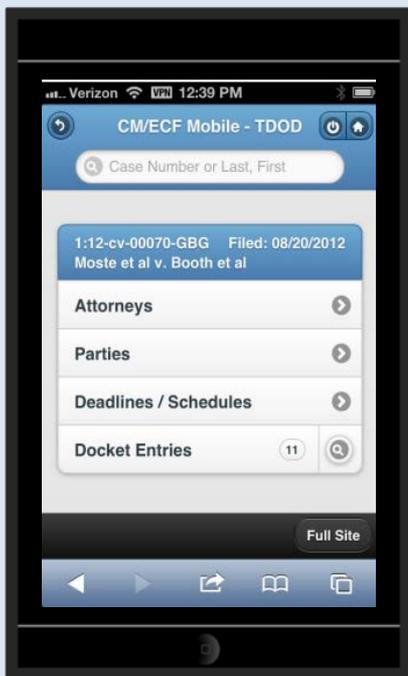
CASE QUERY RESULTS



The docket entry search icon...

- ✓ Presents a search field
- ✓ Used to locate specific docket text

CASE QUERY RESULTS

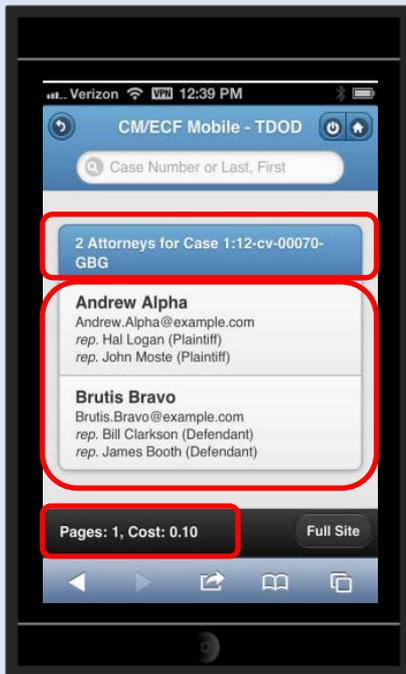


Reminder!

This screen does not produce a PACER billing receipt.

Billing occurs based on the selection from this screen.

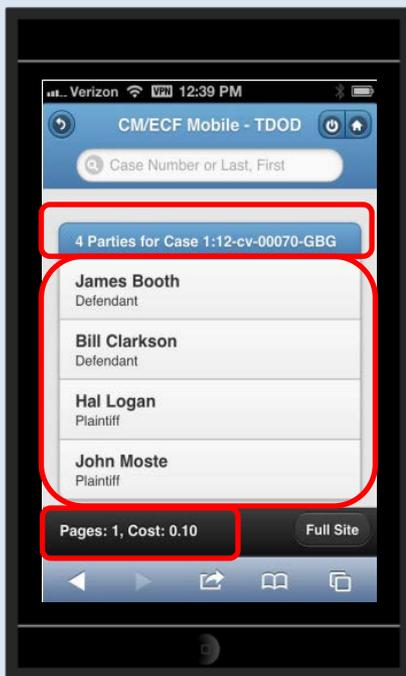
Detailed Case Information Display - ATTORNEYS



The Attorneys information link displays...

- ✓ Header
 - Number of matches
 - Case number
- ✓ Attorney detail
- ✓ PACER billing receipt

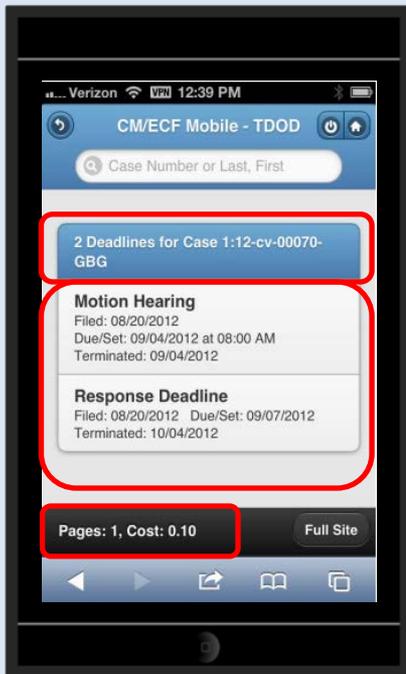
Detailed Case Information Display - PARTIES



The Parties information link displays...

- ✓ Header
 - Number of matches
 - Case number
- ✓ Parties detail
- ✓ PACER billing receipt

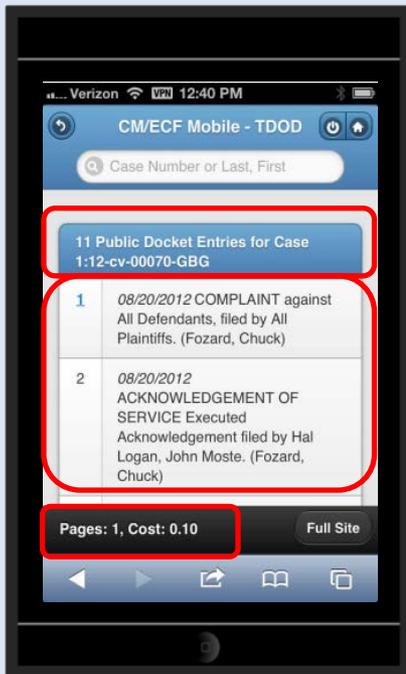
Detailed Case Information Display – DEADLINES/SCHEDULES



The Deadlines/Schedules information link displays...

- ✓ Header
 - Number of matches
 - Case number
- ✓ Hearing and Deadline detail
- ✓ PACER billing receipt

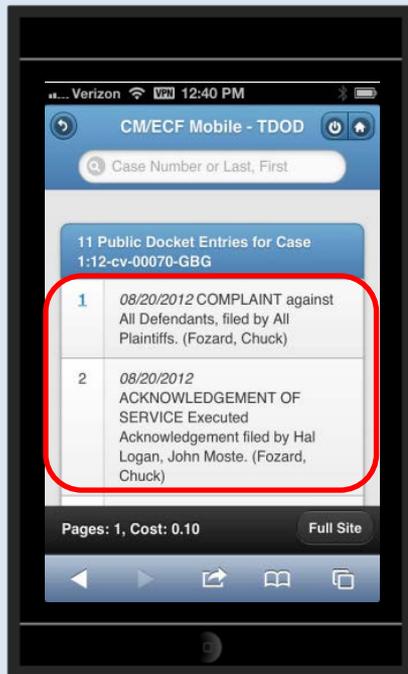
Detailed Case Information Display – DOCKET ENTRIES



The Docket Entries information link displays...

- ✓ Header
 - Number of matches
 - Case number
- ✓ Docket entry detail
- ✓ PACER billing receipt

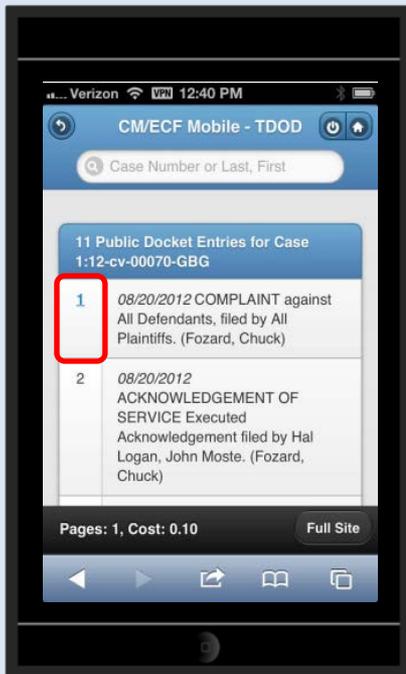
Detailed Case Information Display – DOCKET ENTRIES



The docket entry information includes...

- ✓ Document numbers
- ✓ File date
- ✓ Docket text

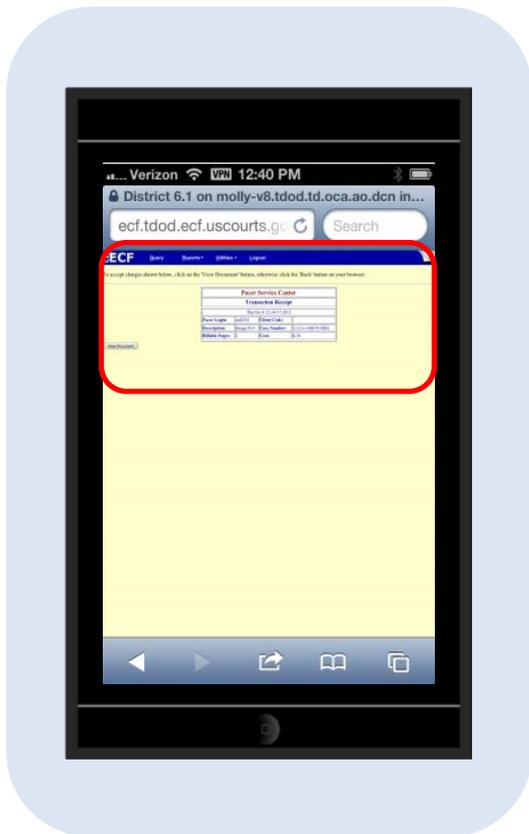
Detailed Case Information Display – DOCKET ENTRIES



To view a docket entry's associated document...

- ✓ Click anywhere in the document number cell.
The entire cell is clickable to accommodate small screens.

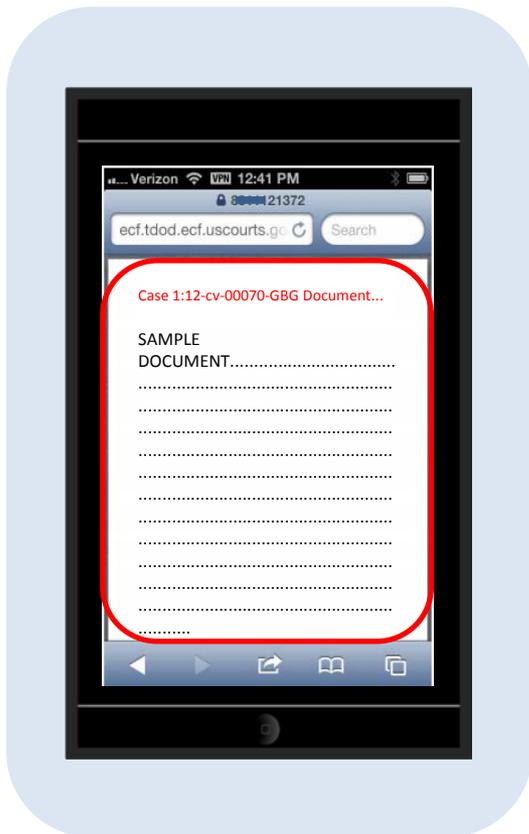
Detailed Case Information Display – DOCKET ENTRIES



When a document number hyperlink is clicked...

- ✓ The PACER transaction receipt displays, along with the View Document button, via the standard CM/ECF PACER interface.

Detailed Case Information Display – DOCKET ENTRIES



When a document number hyperlink is clicked, and after PACER billing charges are accepted...

- ✓ The document is presented in a format familiar to CM/ECF users.