



Public Record Update

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New Hampshire Court Record Check Fee Change

As of July 1, 2025, a significant change has been implemented regarding the fees associated with court record checks in New Hampshire. For many years, the fee structure remained unchanged, adhering to a strict structure that had been in place since 2013. The new cost for a court record check is set at \$6.50 per name. This fee is applied on a per-court basis. For those needing to conduct a manual search of records dated prior to 1992, the fee is \$6.50 as well; however, it is important to note that should the search exceed one-hour, additional charges will apply. Specifically, any time spent beyond the initial hour will be billed at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Those exempt from these fees include law enforcement officials, as well as parties directly involved in the case - including attorneys and public defenders.

It's worth noting that the previous fee structure was significantly higher, at \$20.00 per name, up to five names, then \$5.00 for each name thereafter. With the new fee structure, requestors stand to save substantially, especially when undertaking multiple name searches.

Mississippi Now Offers Statewide Access

Mississippi has successfully completed a statewide transition to its online case management system, known as Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC). This significant achievement has been in development for several years, starting with Hinds County, which first transitioned its civil courts to MEC in 2013. The final transition happened on June 30th, when Harrison Circuit and County courts brought their criminal online. The MEC system provides 24/7 remote access to records from Circuit, Chancery, and County courts in all 82 counties. Although, it should be noted that Justice Court records are not included.

The Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC) system is a comprehensive case management system that enables users to search for and view documents. Case types available on MEC include criminal, civil, probate, and eviction. The site does indicate a list of case types that will not be found online. The system is designed to closely resemble the Federal Courts' CM/ECF case management system. Users are required to register and pay an

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annual registration fee of \$10.00. In addition there is a per-page fee of \$0.20 to view the documents. Documents are automatically docketed as part of the filing process and are typically available immediately. You can access the online portal at <https://courts.ms.gov/mec/mec.php>.

Update Your Bookmark

The Superior Court of Los Angeles County has launched a newly renovated website with an updated URL. The old site was located at www.LACourt.org, while the new site can be found at www.LACourt.ca.gov. When you visit the old URL, you will be redirected; however, some associated web pages are not being redirected. This includes a frequently visited page where the public can locate and view various types of court records. The options available are:

- **Find Case Information (requires a case number)**
- **Search for Case by Name** (results include a case number)
- **Search Court Calendars**

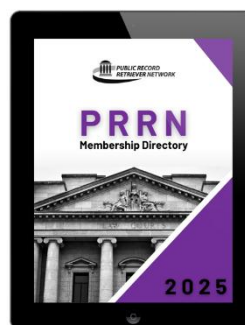
If you have been doing investigative work in Los Angeles, you may have the following URL bookmarked: <https://www.lacourt.org/online services/ON0001.aspx>. Unfortunately, this page now displays a "cannot be found" message. The URL that leads to the various search options is now located at <https://www.lacourt.ca.gov/pages/lp/access-a-case>.

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North Carolina's eCourt Portal - 13 New Counties

On October 13, 2025, North Carolina will move forward with Track 10 of its Go-Live Timeline. This track will include the final thirteen counties in the state, making the entire state accessible through the eCourts Portal. Still to come, though less notable, is the transition for the Business Court in February 2026.

The counties to transition in October are: Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Davidson, Davie, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, McDowell, Rowan, and Rutherford. The eCourts Portal can be accessed at <https://portal-nc.tylertech.cloud/Portal/>.

South Carolina Approves New CMS Project

This summer, the South Carolina Judicial Branch approved an initiative to develop a new trial court case management system. The first phase, which will extend into 2026, includes partnering with a vendor to review and document the current system processes. Additionally, there will be some collaboration with key stakeholder groups to gather insights into the existing system's strengths and weaknesses, which will help identify opportunities for innovation that will be used to develop the new case management system.

The entire process is expected to take several years to complete. Those who currently use the existing platform for investigative work and screenings are encouraged to stay alert for opportunities to provide feedback that could shape the design of the new case management system, and ensure it better meets the needs of users. The current system, more than 25 years old, has served the public well. Due to never-ending technological advancements and a decreasing number of individuals with the knowledge to repair aging framework, it inevitably becomes necessary to make upgrades.



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Five States Where a REAL ID Is Not Required

The much-anticipated deadline for REAL ID has passed, but did you know that there are five states where a REAL ID is still not required by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for traveling between state lines or to Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean? In these states - Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, and Washington—residents can obtain a state-issued Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) or Enhanced ID (EID). These documents are issued through a secure process and include technology that meets federal requirements, making them valid forms of identification.

The Enhanced licenses are specifically designed to comply with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), which has been in effect since 2009. Additionally, they are acceptable for domestic air travel and for accessing federal facilities. To see the full list of acceptable documents, visit <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification>. Be aware that this list is subject to change.

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