

**RELEASE NOTES FOR CM/ECF VERSION 5.1.1  
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**INTRODUCTION**

This document is intended to offer an overview of the upgrades and additions to CM/ECF Version 5.1.1.

Any problems or questions should be brought to the attention of the CM/ECF Help Desk at 866-239-6233.

**SECURE PASSWORDS**

CM/ECF now requires users to create more secure passwords. Passwords must be at least eight characters long and include both uppercase and lowercase alphabetic characters and at least one digit or special character (for example, 0-9, @, #, \$, %, &, \*, +).

After logging in with the current passwords, a pop-up will instruct the user to change the passwords. A link to “Maintain Your Login/Password” is included in the pop-up message.



**MULTI DISTRICT LITIGATION**

The civil case opening screen has been modified to prompt for the MDL number assigned by the Judicial Panel on Multi District Litigation (JPML).

NOTE: this is the four digit number assigned by the Judicial Panel on Multi District Litigation – not the locally assigned lead case number.

The Query menu now includes the new MDL Case Report. All cases associated with the same JPML number as the target case will be listed, sorted by case type (descending so **md** case type sorts before **cv**) and by case number. When the MDL Case Report is run, the user may choose to include all MDL-related cases or only pending MDL-related cases in the report.

The Civil Cases Report now includes a *JPML number* field on the selection criteria screens, allowing the reports to be run by JPML number.

## REPORTS

### Docket Reports

The *Sort by* dropdown list on the Docket Report selection criteria screen now includes a **Document number** option. If selected, those entries without document numbers will appear chronologically within the entries that do have document numbers.

### Query

When a query is run for a multi-defendant criminal case, the defendant numbers for the selected defendants now are included with the case number at the top of the query menu screen. If all of the defendants are selected, or if the main case is selected, the words **All Defendants** will appear beside the case number in lieu of the actual defendant numbers.

When the user runs a query on a person name, that name now is included at the top of the screen that lists all of the cases in which that person is a participant. The person's role is included at the top of the screen as well (for example, **Nicolas Mercator is an attorney in 6 cases.**). Additionally, a summary of selection criteria used for the query now appears at the bottom of the case list screen; however, if the query is run on a case number alone, the summary of selection criteria will not appear.