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## MEDIA NOTICE

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### Important Media Notice to ECF Account Holders in USDC-MA

The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts will be upgrading its CM/ECF software to the **Next Generation (NextGen) of CM/ECF** over the weekend of **Friday, September 17, 2021**.

**You are receiving this message as a USDC-MA ECF Account Holder.**

**Effective Monday, September 20, 2021, ECF account holders will no longer be able to log into their CM/ECF accounts as they currently do.** Instead, everyone will need to log into CM/ECF through a Central Sign-On (PACER).

**A special instruction guide has been created for media ECF account holders in our District to make this transition easier.** It includes how to upgrade, provides contact info for your various questions (ex: who to reach out to re: lost ECF usernames/passwords), what to do if you share a group account, and more.

**NextGen Transition Guide for the Press:**

<https://www.mad.uscourts.gov/media/pdf/Media%20Instructions%20NextGen%20CMECF.pdf>

**Updated Virtual Press Box Guide for following cases of interest:**

<https://www.mad.uscourts.gov/media/pdf/Virtual%20Press%20Box%20Guide.pdf>

*Please review the NextGen Transition guide to check if your question is answered before contacting [media@mad.uscourts.gov](mailto:media@mad.uscourts.gov). General requests for assistance should be directed to [ecfhelp@mad.uscourts.gov](mailto:ecfhelp@mad.uscourts.gov).*

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