

DEALING WITH SEALED MATERIALS IN ECF

Filing Sealed Materials In ECF

After logging into CM/ECF and entering your appeal number, select the “Sealed Briefs and Motions” category. These events were specifically designed to allow for submission of sealed pleadings and briefs. You may file selected sealed pleadings in this manner. Failure to select a document type from the “Sealed Briefs and Motions” category will result in your pleading being filed as a public document. Counsel are responsible for ensuring that sealed materials are filed using these events. In addition, please note that if you are submitting a motion to seal materials simultaneously with the sealed materials themselves, you should use these events. That is the case even if the motion to seal is not submitted as sealed. You may file the sealed materials as an attachment to the “sealed motion” docket event.

Viewing Sealed Materials on the Court Docket

Only counsel of record will be able to view sealed materials on court dockets. Counsel must login to PACER using their upgraded PACER account.

Notices of Docket Activity in Sealed Cases or for Sealed Pleadings

If/When you receive a Notice of Docket Activity in a sealed case, or for a pleading that has been sealed, you must be logged in to ECF before clicking the “Document” link in order to see the sealed document and/or the court docket.