

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

IN RE: )  
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PROCEDURES FOR MANDATORY ) GENERAL ORDER No. 09-01  
ELECTRONIC FILING )  
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This General Order is effective **October 1, 2009**.

On January 2, 2002, the court went "LIVE" on the Case Management /Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) system. For the first few years, the court staff scanned and filed all conventional filed documents electronically. In addition, effective March 31, 2003, the court moved to the next stage in the CM/ECF system; "mandatory" electronic filing. The mandatory electronic filing requirements required all filers (except those not represented by an attorney) to file all pleadings or documents via the CM/ECF system or in the alternative, on a diskette or CD. We continue to train external users (attorneys and trustees) and after more than six years on the CM/ECF system approximately 90% of all pleadings are filed electronically, by external users. Currently, there are 2300 registered users. We want to thank all of you who are moving forward with us, and a special thanks to those pioneers who worked diligently to complete the training during the conversion process.

Although, the "mandatory" filing requirements have allowed some attorneys time to become familiar with the CM/ECF system, the diskette /CD allowance adds additional work to the Clerk's Office and denies registered attorneys the full benefits of the CM/ECF system. To enhance the effectiveness of the CM/ECF system, the court is rescinding the allowance to file pleadings or documents via diskette or CD, for regular filing attorneys.

THEREFORE, except as otherwise provided in the *Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing and Verifying Pleadings and Papers by Electronic Means*, all pleadings and documents filed with the court, by regular filing attorneys, must be filed electronically.

To obtain the required electronic filing access, all filers must attend the Court's ECF (Electronic Case Filing) Training and complete the assigned connectivity exercises. The failure to adequately prepare for the mandatory electronic filing requirements or to attend the required ECF training may not be allowed as a "reason" for counsel's failure to follow the mandatory electronic filing guidelines.

To schedule your attendance at an ECF training session in Lincoln or Omaha, contact the Clerk's Office at Omaha (402) 661-7444 or Lincoln (402) 437-1625.

THEREFORE, all attorneys annually filing more than five separate pleadings or documents conventionally, shall be scheduled for a show cause hearing in front of the presiding

Judge. At the time of the hearing, the attorney shall be given a short time period to attend an ECF training session and to become a registered user of the CM/ECF system.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, all registered users of the CM/ECF system must file all pleadings and documents via the ECF system.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 20, 2009

/s/ Thomas L. Saladino  
Thomas L. Saladino, Chief Bankruptcy Judge

/s/ Timothy J. Mahoney  
Timothy J. Mahoney, Bankruptcy Judge