



ECF Flier

July 2000

CM/ECF New Release

The much anticipated version 1 release of CM/ECF has been completed and is now being tested by the Independent Test Center, of the Administrative Office's Computer Security and Independent Testing Center Office.

Having previewed this release, we are very excited about the new functionality that version 1 will provide to internal and external users alike. We anticipate this release will be available on our training database sometime in October, and plan to "go live" in November 2000.

In preparation for version 1, we may conduct some "CM/ECF Fairs" sometime in October to demonstrate the new version 1 functionality.

Stay tuned to upcoming editions of the ECF Flier for more information on version 1!

Update to the Amendment Cover Sheet

An attorney asked that the form "Amendment Cover Sheet" be updated to allow the insertion of "/s/ name of attorney" on the signature line. This requested update has been completed. If there is any other form(s) users feel should be updated, please let us know.

Increase in ECF Petition Filings

In June 2000, 837 petitions were filed with the clerk's office via ECF! This not only is a one-month all-time high in ECF petition filings, it also represents the highest percentage of such filings (36.6%) to total monthly petition filings (2,282) taken in to date by the clerk's office. **GREAT JOB!!!**

ECF Cases on 341 Dockets

We have received a number of inquiries from practitioners filing ECF cases expressing concern that their ECF cases are always being called last on the hourly 341 dockets. This results in ECF case practitioners having to sit through an entire hour docket before their cases are called.

We have been working closely with the Office of the US Trustee on this matter, and, in turn, that office has been working with the panel trustees. The problem originates from the order in which the cases are printed from the US Trustee's report. Since an ECF case number begins with the numbers 5, 6, 7, or 8, they are automatically placed at the bottom of the trustee's hourly docket. The Office of the U.S. Trustee has advised us that the hourly dockets should be called in a way to ensure that ECF filers are not treated unfairly because of their position on the docket.

If you have any further questions or problems, please feel free to contact the Office of the US Trustee and/or the Clerk's Office.

Notice to Trustees

When filing your Trustee's Report of No Distribution, and Trustee Request for Asset notice, you must now use the "Trustee's 341 Filings". If you have any questions, please call the help desk at 1-888-271-8610.

Alexandria Training

All ECF training in Alexandria now is being conducted in the training room at the Clerk's Office. To reserve a seat at the next training session, please call:

Kathy Dragg (703) 258-1211
Evelyn Flowers (703) 258-1225

The next scheduled dates are: (all training begins at 9:30 a.m.)

July 20, 2000 August 8, 2000
August 10, 2000 August 15, 2000

Attorney Training: June 2000

Alexandria - 3
Stephen Gallagher
Linda Najjoun
David Whitridge

Total Number of Attorneys Trained - 323



Attorneys that went LIVE - June 2000

Norfolk/Newport News

Ruth Gibson
Blair Smircina

Richmond

John C. Moore

Alexandria

Neil Spencer Welles
Fikri Ramadan

Out of State

Hilary Bonial

June 2000 ECF Statistics

	Bankruptcy Adversary	
Alexandria	145	4
Norfolk	235	4
Richmond	151	2
Newport News	306	5
District Total	837	15
Total ECF Cases filed in 2000	4134	
Total ECF Cases filed in 1999	3539	
Total ECF Cases filed in 1998	421	
Total ECF Cases filed to date	8094	

ECF Information and Helpful Numbers:

ECF Help Desk: **1-888-271-8610**

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