



ECF Flier

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For more information on ECF, please visit us at: <http://www.vaeb.uscourts.gov/ecf/ecf.htm>

ECF Filings on the Increase

In the first six months of calendar year 2000, 30% of the bankruptcy petition filings in the Eastern District of Virginia were filed electronically. We appreciate your increased participation in the system!

On page 4 of this newsletter, you will find a summary of ECF petition filings, by division, for the past year. We will continue to update this chart and attach it to the *ECF Flier* on a quarterly basis.

E-Mail Notification

It has been brought to our attention that some attorneys have elected to turn off their e-mail notification. In doing so, these attorneys are not abiding by the applicable requirements set out in the Court's ECF Administrative Procedures. Please review the requirement, as set out below, which is listed on the Electronic Case Filing System Attorney Registration Form. All registered users have signed this form and, in so doing, have agreed to comply with all applicable requirements, including:

"An attorney's registration in (CM/ECF) will constitute a request and an agreement to receive service of pleadings and other papers electronically pursuant to FRBP 9036, where service of pleadings and other papers is otherwise permitted by first class mail, postage prepaid."

Upcoming ECF External Customer Survey

By mid-September, we plan to conduct an ECF external customer survey. The survey is designed to gather information and feedback from our external customers, which will help us gauge their preparedness for transitioning fully to the ECF process. Please check our web site in the next few weeks for additional information concerning this survey.

Heilig-Meyers

Heilig-Meyers Company, et al, Case No. 00-34533-DOT, filed on 8/16/00 in the Richmond Division, and has been designated as an Electronic Case Filing (ECF) case.

Effective Time of Filing

The following question was received by an attorney who practices in the district: "Is there any information or rules about the issue of whether an electronic filing is effective at the TIME it is received or when the court next opens?"

Answer: The electronic filing of a document in ECF is effective as of the date and time it is FILED electronically. The hours in which the court is open for business has no bearing on the effective date and time of such a filing.

Related Items

When filing a "Notice of Hearing" or any type of notice that relates to a motion, please relate the notice to the motion in which you are referring. In addition to this, when filing an "amended" pleading, please relate to the originally filed pleading.

To do this, you will need to select: "Does this filing refer to an existing document in this case? (If yes, click on the box)", and then select the proper related-document category.

Newport News Hearing Locations

The hearing locations for the Newport News Division have changed in ECF. Instead of a courtroom and a pre-trial location for each judge, the locations have been consolidated.

Users may now select either "Newport News Courtroom" for scheduling hearings, or "Newport News Chambers, Pre-Trial" for scheduling pre-trial hearings.

Adversary Case Opening

When opening an adversary proceeding, please use the roles "plaintiff" or "defendant" when assigning roles to parties.

Also, when entering the "Demand" amount, please round out and only enter the number of thousands. The system will include the zero's (ex. Demand \$1896.00 should be entered as "2" and the system will fill in the remaining zeros so that it will appear as \$2000).

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.)

September: 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 & 28

July 2000 ECF Statistics

	Bankruptcy Adversary	
Alexandria	120	6
Norfolk	157	7
Richmond	110	1
Newport News	251	4
District Total	638	18
Total ECF Cases filed in 2000	4772	
Total ECF Cases filed in 1999	3539	
Total ECF Cases filed in 1998	421	
Total ECF Cases filed to date	8732	

Attorney Training: July 2000

Alexandria - 2
William E. Seals
Thomas J. Sehler

Out of State - 1
Nichlas P. Spallas

Total Number of Attorneys Trained - 325



Attorneys that went LIVE - July 2000

Alexandria

John Van Beek

Out of State

Nichlas P. Spallas

**ECF Information and
Helpful Numbers:**

Court website: www.vaeb.uscourts.gov

ECF Help Desk: [1-888-271-8610](tel:1-888-271-8610)

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**United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of Virginia
Total Electronic Case Filings (ECF) By Division
1999 – YTD 2000**

<i>1999</i>	<i>Alexandria</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Norfolk</i>	<i>Newport News</i>	<i>District Totals</i>
	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF
Jul	15.9%	4.5%	11.2%	6.2%	9.9%
Aug	17.6%	7.0%	15.3%	99.5%	19.9%
Sep	17.9%	5.3%	18.5%	99.6%	22.6%
Oct	16.0%	8.4%	18.1%	100.0%	24.6%
Nov	17.7%	9.0%	20.3%	99.6%	24.8%
Dec	20.1%	7.2%	23.2%	99.6%	25.6%
6 Mos. Totals	17.5%	6.9%	17.7%	81.9%	21.2%
<i>2000</i>	<i>Alexandria</i>	<i>Richmond</i>	<i>Norfolk</i>	<i>Newport News</i>	<i>District Totals</i>
	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF
Jan	21.4%	9.0%	28.4%	99.0%	28.2%
Feb	15.7%	13.1%	23.4%	100.0%	27.1%
Mar	17.4%	12.9%	26.7%	99.7%	28.2%
Apr	17.9%	18.9%	23.5%	99.2%	29.7%
May	19.4%	14.4%	25.9%	100.0%	30.3%
Jun	25.0%	21.1%	34.7%	100.0%	36.7%
Jul					
Aug					
Sep					
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					
YTD Totals	19.3%	14.9%	27.0%	99.7%	30.0%

Note: In 1999, 28,304 petitions were filed for the Eastern District, of which 3,539 or 12.5% were ECF cases. Thus far in 2000, ECF filings have increased to 30% for all bankruptcy petitions.