

Attorneys will no longer have to create an association with the plaintiff when filing a complaint to open an adversary proceeding. In release 4.1, the filer is automatically linked as the plaintiff's attorney.

The "Attorney" button has been replaced with an "Add additional attorney" button.

The screenshot shows the 'Plaintiff Information' form in the ECF system. The form is titled 'Plaintiff Information' and includes the following fields: Office, Address 1 (1290 West Avenue), Address 2, Address 3, City (San Antonio), State (TX), Zip (78596), County (BEXAR-TX (48029)), Country, Phone, Fax, E-mail, Party text, and Role in Bankruptcy Case (Creditor). A red box highlights the 'Add additional attorney...' button, which is located below the 'Party text' field. Other buttons include 'Alias...', 'Corporate parent / affiliate...', 'Review...', 'Submit', 'Cancel', and 'Clear'. A note at the bottom right states: 'Add all additional attorneys, aliases and corporate parents or affiliates before clicking the Submit button.'

When filing a notice of removal attorneys should select "no" to the Complaint field. A "Counsel for" selection option will appear to indicate which party they are representing. If "Plaintiff" is selected then the filing attorney is automatically associated with the plaintiff. New flexibility in Release 4.1 allows the defendant's attorney to open the case and select "Defendant" to create the association with their party.

The screenshot shows the 'Open Adversary Case' form in the ECF system. The form is titled 'Open Adversary Case' and includes the following fields: Case type (ap), Date filed (11/19/2010), Complaint (n), and Counsel for (plaintiff). The 'Counsel for' dropdown menu is open, showing options for plaintiff and defendant. Buttons for 'Next' and 'Clear' are also visible.