

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

CM/ECF RELEASE 5.1.1 UPGRADE NOVEMBER 30, 2015; DISALLOWED USE OF
OUTDATED FORMS ON AND AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2015; AND TIMELY COMPLETION
OF OUTSTANDING FILING FEES PAYMENTS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2015

1. Release 5.1 of the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) System will be upgraded to Release 5.1.1 on Monday, November 30, 2015, commencing at 5:00 pm EST. Because of the nature of this release, access will be restored on December 1, 2015, at a time to be determined that day. Users periodically should check for restored access on December 1. The [CM/ECF Notes for PACER Users for Release 5.1.1 document](#) is accessible on the [pacer.gov](#) internet web site's [CM/ECF Release Notes page](#). CM/ECF Release 5.1.1 is designed to accommodate the revised official bankruptcy forms. Virtually all of the Director's procedural bankruptcy forms also will be replaced by updated and renumbered versions. Those making use of any commercial software petition preparation vendor's products should ensure that the vendor will make available timely updates necessary to support CM/ECF Release 5.1.1, as of December 1, 2015.
2. On December 1, 2015, the [Court's Internet Forms page](#) will be updated to include all revised forms (national and local). The Court has determined that there will be no grace period allowing attorneys to continue using outdated forms on or after December 1, 2015. Nor will any exceptions be granted allowing attorneys to use outdated forms where such forms are revised, effective as of that date. Further, in cases pending prior to December 1, 2015, forms filed on or after that date must be filed by an attorney on the appropriate revised forms. If an attorney fails to comply with any of these requirements, a standard deficiency notice will be issued by the Clerk's Office, requesting that the filer refile the form. If the affected filer fails to comply with the deficiency notice, the form will be stricken. For information regarding the revised forms, see the [Bankruptcy Clerk's September 29, 2015, Public Notice](#), which is located on the Court's internet web site, under Virginia Eastern News, at <https://www.vaeb.uscourts.gov/>. That notice contains important embedded links to the <http://uscourts.gov/> internet web site's [Pending Changes in the Bankruptcy Forms](#) page.
3. Attorneys must complete payment of all outstanding filing fees in CM/ECF Release 5.1 on November 30, 2015, no later than 4:45 pm EST, that day. This will permit the timely processing of remaining transactions on November 30 before access to CM/ECF is discontinued, and, in addition, will avoid the issuance of any filing fee deficiencies. No payments may be made in CM/ECF from the time the system is shut down for the upgrade, on November 30, until access to the system is restored on the following day, December 1. As set forth above, users periodically should check for restored access, that day.