

About the Project

In 2008, the Administrative Office (AO) initiated a project to gather requirements for the Next Generation of Case Management/Electronic Case File (CM/ECF) systems. This effort included an initiative to engage “Additional Stakeholders” to identify, review and recommend functional requirements for the next generation. The AO established an Additional Stakeholders Functional Requirements Group (ASFRG) in 2009. The ASFRG will include:

- Two members of the Appellate Courts
- Four members of the Bankruptcy Courts
- Four members of the District Courts
- Two members of the EPA Working Group
- One member each from the AO, Federal Judicial Center, Bankruptcy Administrators, Federal Public Defenders, and Probation/Pretrial Services
- Five members representing the non-Judiciary stakeholders

The non-Judiciary members will come from the Department of Justice, the Internal Revenue Service, the American Bar Association, the Association of American Law Schools, and the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees or the National Association of Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Trustees.

The ASFRG is responsible for the identification and documentation of functional requirements relating to CM/ECF. The ASFRG will submit these requirements for consideration by the CM/ECF Project Steering Committee.

The ASFRG had its kickoff meeting in March 2010, and a second meeting in November.

During those meetings, the group identified a number of stakeholder groups and assigned committee members as liaisons for each group. Members have reached out in a variety of ways, including elicitation sessions, focus groups, surveys, presentations and meetings.

The ASFRG is scheduled to complete its work in December 2011.