

# ECF Court Link

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CM/ECF

Newsletter

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# **CM/ECF** Downtime

Please be advised that CM/ECF will be unavailable beginning Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM for updates related to the upcoming rule and form changes. We will notify you when the system becomes available again on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

#### **Case Statistics**

| October, 2017 |     | Year to Date |      |
|---------------|-----|--------------|------|
| <i>Ch.</i> 7  | 184 | <i>Ch.</i> 7 | 1874 |
| Ch. 11        | 8   | Ch. 11       | 69   |
| Ch. 12        | 1   | Ch. 12       | 4    |
| Ch. 13        | 346 | Ch. 13       | 3380 |
| <i>Ch.</i> 9  | 0   | Ch. 9        | 0    |
| Ch. 15        | 0   | Ch. 15       | 0    |
| Total         | 539 | Total        | 5327 |

### **Applications to Employ Realtor**

Effective immediately, all applications to employ a realtor should include a 21 day notice and service on all creditors. The Administrative Guide will be updated accordingly.

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# **Reminder:** December 1<sup>st</sup> Rule and Form Changes

This should serve as a reminder that the following changes will take effect on December 1, 2017:

### **Rule Changes**

*The rule changes may be viewed by clicking <u>here</u>.* 

#### **Bankruptcy Forms Amendments**

Official Form 101 (Voluntary Petition – Individuals) Official Form 309F (Notice of Chapter 11 Case – Corporations) Official Form 309G (Notice of Chapter 12 Case – Individuals) Official Form 309H (Notice of Chapter 12 Case – Corporations) Official Form 309I (Notice of Chapter 13 Case) Official Form 425A (Chapter 11 Plan – Small Business) Official Form 425B (Disclosure Statement – Small Business) Official Form 425C (Chapter 11 Monthly Report – Small Business) Official Form 426 (Periodic Report on Entities)

#### Chapter 13 Plan Form

The EDNC has adopted a local form for Chapter 13 Plans that meets the requirements set out in the new Rule. The form has been created in PDF fillable format and will be posted on the court's website as soon as it is available. Software vendors have already been notified. The new Chapter 13 Plan form will be required for all cases filed on or after December 1<sup>st</sup>. The old form may be used for any plan amendments in cases filed prior to this date.

\*\*Important Note With Regard to Service of the Chapter 13 Plan\*\*

The plan is **not** required to be served on all creditors upon filing. Pursuant to Local Rule, the plan will be served on all creditors with the Motion for confirmation.

## **Associated Cases**

Official Form 101/201 requires that debtors list "any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed" that are associated with the filing. The court now asks that you also include any **prior** cases by the debtor on the form. Additionally, please contact the Case Administrator or CM/ECF Helpdesk to notify us that an associated case is being filed.

## <u>New CM/ECF Event</u>

The following event has been created under the Adversary Motions/Applications category:

In Limine

#### QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

**Q.** I am filing amended schedules, and I need to add creditors. However, the text box isn't large enough. I run out of space after adding only a few creditors. What is wrong?

**A.** This is most likely a browser issue. CM/ECF is only compatible with Internet Explorer 8 and 9, or Firefox. File the amendment using one of these browsers. If you have a version of Internet Explorer higher than 9, try going to the Tools menu and putting the browser in Compatibility View. This should fix the problem.

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