

Electric Case Filing--US Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division

Electric Case Filing (ECF) is coming to the US Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division. No more trips to the Court or having to wait in line to file pleadings. No more trips to the Court to review the Court Docket since you will have ability to review the Court's docket at a computer anywhere at any time.

Dates you need to be aware of: March 18, 2005 – Consumer Bankruptcy Association Expo with Electronic Filing Vendor; May 27, 2005 – Mandatory Training sessions begin on Electric Case Filing System. Training will be required for all attorneys and all office personnel who wish to access the ECF System; June 27, 2005 – Filing electronically on ECF System for general public to begin.

Further information will be made available through legal publications, the Federal Bar Association Newsletter, posted notices in the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office and on the Court's website at www.mieb.uscourts.gov. In addition, electronic notice of pleadings generated by the Court's is available now through the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC). The BNC's website is: www.ebnuscourts.com and can also be contacted at 1-877-837-3424.

Review your office hardware and software and determine if additional hardware and software need to be purchased. To file pleadings electronically you will need:

1. Pentium PC with Windows or Macintosh;
2. Internet Service Provider;
3. Current version of Netscape or Internet Explorer software;
4. Word processing and/or petition software;
5. Document scanner/optional for paper only documents which are not stored in a software format; and
6. Adobe Acrobat software (3.0 or above) to convert documents to Portable Document Format (PDF).

Be on the lookout for further updates.

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