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ECF Version 3.1.3 Updates

On January 14, 2008, the Clerk's Office rolled out ECF Version 3.1.3 to all court and non-court users. This version of ECF has quite a few new and improved features, some that are noticeable right away, and others that you may not have come across yet. Following are some of those features that will affect attorneys and their staff the most.

Cross-Document Hyperlinks: ECF filers (both court and attorney users) will be able to file a document that includes a hyperlink to a previously filed document in the same case or another case that resides on the ECF system where the filing is being entered, or on any other court's ECF system. The hyperlink, as set by the filer, may link to the start of a document or to a specific page in the document, and will work for documents created in Corel Word Perfect (11 or higher) or Microsoft Word (2002 or higher). This feature would be best utilized when referencing earlier filings in the case, or using citations from other cases in this court or any other federal court, including U. S. Bankruptcy and Appellate courts.

Detailed instructions on how to use this feature are available at <http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/Attorney-Users-3.1.pdf> beginning on page 17.

One thing to note at this time: when a PACER user accesses a document for the first time via the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF), he/she will not incur fees for accessing the newly filed document, but access to any hyperlinked document from within the newly filed document will incur a fee. When a PACER user accesses a document after the first free copy, or accesses it from a docket sheet, he/she will be charged for that document AND any documents displayed when using a hyperlink.

Spell Check in Docket Text: Users who want to incorporate spell check functionality into the docket text fields in ECF can use the Mozilla Firefox browser, version 2.0 or later. This version of Firefox comes with a built-in spell checker, which can be turned on via Tools>> Options>>Advanced>>General>>Check my spelling as I type. This feature applies to all text fields, so the benefit is realized beyond just the docket text fields in ECF.

The user can customize the spell checker by adding, reviewing, and removing words. Words added to the dictionary during spell checking are included in the user's "personal dictionary." The personal dictionary is stored as the file **persdict.dat** in the user's profile folder in Documents and Settings. The **persdict.dat** personal dictionary file is a simple list of words in text format that can be edited in a word processor, such as Microsoft Word or Notepad.

Notice of Electronic Filing: Beginning with Release 3.1.3, only case participants will receive one free copy of documents that are accessed via the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF). Text on the NEF explains this new functionality as *****NOTE TO PUBLIC ACCESS USERS*****. Judicial Conference of the United States policy permits attorneys of record and parties in a case (including pro se litigants) to receive one free electronic copy of all documents filed electronically, if receipt is required by law or directed by the filer. PACER access fees apply to all other users. To avoid later charges, download a copy of each

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In Appreciation...

On May 1, 2008, Chief Judge Thomas F. Hogan will step down as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Chief Judge Hogan has been a leader in introducing and improving the use of technology in the District Court. He was the first judge to utilize the benefits of a totally integrated and fully functional electronic courtroom. Chief Judge Hogan volunteered to spearhead the effort to use electronic evidence presentation systems, videocon-

ferencing capabilities, assisted listening devices to improve interpreting services, and other technology to streamline trials and courtroom hearings.

When the court began electronic filing of cases, Chief Judge Hogan was an enthusiastic and ardent supporter and user of the new technology. Under his leadership, the District Court has gone from a largely paper driven system to a streamlined, user-friendly, and efficient electronic system. Chief Judge



Hogan formed an Electronic Case Filing Committee to address all the changes the new system would introduce, and included members of the Bar, as well as judges and Clerk's Office staff on the committee. Through the
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Transcript Requests

In September 2007, the Judicial Conference approved a new transcript policy with regards to Electronic Case Filing and the accessibility of transcripts through electronic means. Currently, transcripts are not available to the public via the ECF system, but this process will change in the near future.

When a transcript is ordered, the court reporter/transcriber must deliver a copy of the transcript to the Clerk of Court for the records of the Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 753(b). The new policy allows for the electronic filing of the transcript with limited accessibility as to who is allowed to see it for the first 90 days. Those parties who have access to the transcript will include: Court staff, public terminal users,

attorneys of record or parties who purchased the transcript from the reporter/transcriber, and other persons directed by the Court.

During the 90-day period, the transcript will be available for viewing at the public terminal. The transcript is filed using a new restricted access level and a Notice of Filing of Official Transcript will be entered on the docket by the court. The filing of this notice will alert attorneys that they have five (5) business days to file with the court a Notice of Intent to Request Redaction of Transcript. (Please Note: If a judge orders a transcript, it is still the attorney's responsibility to review it for any necessary redactions). If no such notice is filed within the allotted time, the Court

will assume that redaction of the personal data identifiers is not necessary. After the 90-day period has ended, the filed transcript will be available to the general public for review and copying in the Clerk's Office, and for viewing/download through the PACER system.

If redactions are necessary, the attorney or party is to submit to the court reporter/transcriber, within 21 calendar days from the date the transcript was filed (or longer, if ordered by the Court), a statement indicating where the personal identifiers to be redacted appear in the transcript (i.e. page and line number). Only the following identifiers can be redacted under this policy: Social Security Numbers (use last four digits); finan-
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document during this free viewing. There is no charge for viewing opinions.

View and/or Download All Documents for a Single Docket Entry:

Users can now view all documents for a single docket entry at the same time. If a user clicks on a document number hyperlink (e.g., from the Docket Report or the Docket Activity Report), two new buttons appear at the bottom of the Document Selection Menu screen: **View All** and **Download All**. For PACER users, after either button is clicked, a single PACER billing receipt page is displayed with multiple receipts (one per document) and a **View document** confirmation button.

If **View All** was clicked, the main

document and all of the PDF attachments for the docket entry are combined into a single PDF and displayed on the screen. The user may print the documents from the screen. If

Download All was clicked, the main document and all of the PDF attachments for the docket entry are combined in a ZIP file and a dialogue box is displayed for the user to select a destination directory for the ZIP file. Once the user selects a destination directory and filename, the ZIP file is saved in the specified location. The ZIP file is stored in a format that results in separate component files upon decompression.

Internet Payment History Report: All Internet payment transactions

are now displayed on the Internet Payment History Report. Previously, it was possible for one or more transactions to be omitted from the report, but that problem has been corrected. The Internet Payment History Report displays the Date Paid, Description (of the filing that required the fee), Payment Method, Receipt #, and Amount.

The Administrative Office has also recently released ECF Version 3.2.1. After extensive testing by pilot courts, it is ready for use. We aim to meet the Judicial Conference request to be live on this version by May 15, to comply with the new transcript policy.

Disclosure Requirement

Attorneys representing nongovernmental corporate parties are reminded of their duty, pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a) and LCvR 7.1, to file a disclosure statement that identifies any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of its stock, or to state that there is no such corporation. A party must file the Rule 7.1(a) disclosure statement with its first appearance, pleading, petition, motion, response, or other request addressed to the court, and promptly file a supple-

mental statement upon any change in the information that the statement requires.

A standard form is available on the District Court's internet site at <http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/new-case-forms.html>. Click on the link called Certificate Under LCvR 7.1(a) (on-line form) to complete the form online. If the certificate of disclosure will contain many corporate parents and the form supplied by the Clerk does not contain enough space to accommodate all of

this information, counsel should draft his/her own form, tracking the language contained in the Clerk's Office form.

When electronically filing the disclosure statement in the court's ECF system, filers are to use the civil event titled "LCvR 7.1 Certificate of Disclosure – Corporate Affiliations/Financial Interests" listed under Notices. When prompted, type the name(s) of the corporate parent(s) in the space provided, then SUBMIT through to the end of the entry.

Got a Mac?

There have been reports of some problems opening PDF documents from the Notice of Electronic Filing emails when using a Macintosh computer. The issue appears to be primarily with MAC OS X users and their inability to view documents due to the browser interpreting the PDF as a .pl file.

The problem has occurred in such browsers as Internet Explorer, Firefox 1.5, Firefox 2.0 and Safari. The users are able to save the file then rename it to "XXXX.PDF" and it will open fine from there. It is believed the problem is due to the browser client ignoring the HTTP headers and trying to interpret the file extension instead.

If you have experienced this problem, try setting your browser to handle .pl files in a specific way. By changing your settings, you will override what the server is telling it to do.

If you experience further problems, please contact your systems professional or Apple/MAC provider, as the Clerk's Office uses only PCs and does

Have a New Address?

Be sure to update your ECF account when your firm address, phone number and/or email address has changed.

What about a new telephone number or email address? Did you just change firms and need to update all three? If so, please remember to alert the Clerk's Office of any changes to your account so that we have the most current information on record. There are three ways to update your information.

1) Fill out an Attorney Address Correction Form (<http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/atty-forms.html>) and submit it to the Clerk's Office, Attention: Attorney

Admissions, in paper or by email (dcd_cmecf@dcd.uscourts.gov). The Clerk's Office will then update your information in the attorney database for you.

2) File a Notice of Change of Address in at least one of the cases in which you are participating. Once it is filed, your information will be updated by a member of the Clerk's Office staff and will take effect in every case you participate in.

3) Log in to ECF and update your own information. Simply click **UTILITIES** on

the blue menu bar at the top of the screen, then choose from the appropriate menu option under **Your Account**: Maintain Your Account (lets you update all aspects of your account, including address, email and phone number), Maintain Your E-mail (can be used when only updating your email address or when adding additional email addresses for your support staff), or Maintain Your Address (only allows you to update your address and phone number).

When updating your own account information in ECF, please be sure to follow this standard format to keep all accounts uniform:

OFFICE: NAME OF FIRM OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY (IN ALL CAPS)

UNIT: Section of Office, if applicable (i.e. Narcotics Division)

ADDRESS 1: Leave blank or P.O. Box Number (if both a street address and P.O. Box is used)

ADDRESS 2: Street Address or P.O. Box Number (Spell out street type, i.e. Boulevard, etc.)

ADDRESS 3: Suite, Room, Floor, or Building

The remaining fields are self-explanatory.

Please Note: Do not edit or add Bar ID numbers to the Bar ID field. This information is maintained by Attorney Admissions only.

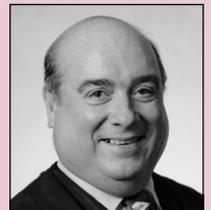
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Committee's work, local rules and other procedures were created to help the Court standardize the electronic case filing practice. Because of the vision of Chief Judge Hogan, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia is considered a leader in the area of courtroom technology and is respected as an institution for providing justice to all. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Chief Judge Hogan for his service and dedication to this Court, and to the entire system of justice.

Chief Judge Hogan served as Chief Judge for nearly seven years and will remain at the Court as a senior judge. We look forward to working with him for many years to come.

OUR NEW CHIEF JUDGE

Judge Royce C. Lamberth will be sworn in as the new Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia on May 1st. Judge Lamberth received his appointment to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in November 1987. He was appointed Presiding Judge of the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court in May 1995 by Chief Justice Rehnquist. Judge Lamberth graduated from the University of Texas and from the University of Texas School of Law, receiving an LL.B. in 1967. He served as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Army from 1968 to 1974, including one year in Vietnam. After that, he became an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. In 1978, Judge Lamberth became Chief of the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office, a position he held until his appointment to the federal bench.



PACER vs. ECF

It is sometimes difficult to keep straight when you need to use your PACER account and when to use your ECF account to access the docket of your case. For those newly registered ECF filers, and for those who need a refresher, here is a recap of when to log in to PACER and ECF.

PACER: Use your PACER login and password to access any public docket in the ECF system. PACER is used to view or print dockets and documents. When logged in to the ECF system using your PACER login and password, you will only have access to the QUERY, REPORTS, UTILITIES, SEARCH and LOGOUT menu

options on the blue menu bar at the top of the screen. You will not have access to the CIVIL or CRIMINAL docketing menus. PACER will charge you \$0.08 per page to view a document with a \$2.40 cap. Reports and transcripts (soon to be available) are also \$0.08 per page with no cap (Reports of Written Opinion and Calendar Events are free reports). In addition, you will also use your PACER login to view documents from the Notice of Electronic Filing that you receive by email **after** you have viewed your one free copy.

ECF: Use your ECF login and password to file all documents to a particular docket, including

civil, criminal, magistrate and miscellaneous cases. Your ECF login will give you access to the CIVIL and CRIMINAL menu options on the blue menu bar at the top of the screen, as well as all the others listed previously. Please keep in mind that if, while logged in to your ECF account, you wish to view a docket or document, you will then be prompted to enter your PACER login and password and will be charged for that viewing at \$0.08 per page.

PLEASE NOTE: Regardless of which login and password you are using, you will be using the ECF system. Do not try to use your ECF login on the PACER home page.

A case that includes a federal defendant requires three summons, therefore three returns of service are also necessary.

Filing Returns of Service

The Clerk's Office would like to remind everyone of the proper way to file returns of services in ECF. We know it can be a bit confusing with all the menu options to choose from, but these pointers should help.

First, please be aware that when entering the date the party was served, you should be entering the **date they received and/or signed for the package**, not the date you mailed it. Please do not file your return of service until you have received the signed/executed green certified mail card (PS Form 3811 Domestic Return Receipt) back from the post office. The receipt (PS Form 3800 Certified Mail Receipt and Tracking Number) showing that you paid for the postage does not constitute proper proof of service.

For a typical defendant (non-

federal) who has 20 days to answer the complaint, only one entry is necessary:

Summons Returned as to private individual or business

For a case with a federal defendant, you also have to serve the U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General, for a total of three summons. Therefore, three separate returns of service will need to be filed as well. It is not mandatory but we recommend making the entries in the following order:

Summons Returned Executed as to Attorney General (this entry does not calculate the answer deadline)

Summons Returned Executed as to Federal Defendant (enter the date the individual federal defendant was served, not the U.S. Attorney)

Summons Returned Executed as to US Attorney for

DC (if the date served is the same as the individual federal defendant, the date served and answer deadline will not appear in the docket entry; if the dates differ, the new date served and answer deadline will appear in the docket text)

For a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) case, in which the defendant has 30 days to answer the complaint, use:

Summons Returned Executed in FOIA case

There are two other menu options that you might find useful:

Service by Publication (to be used when service is made via publication).

Waiver of Service (when service is waived and the defendant has XX days to answer the complaint; please be sure to enter the date the waiver was sent, not the date it was received).

You can Query a case in ECF using a number of different search options, such as Case Number, Date Filed, Nature of Suit and Attorney Name.

Query Tips

Looking for a case in ECF but not sure where to start? There are quite a few ways to effectively search the ECF database.

You can start by logging in to ECF and selecting **QUERY** from the blue menu bar at the top of your screen. Then use any of the following criteria to process your search:

Case Number (Enter it in the standard format (1:08cv25) and get the exact case docket, or enter it by year and number only (08-25) and get a list of possible case types using that number (i.e. cv, cr, mj,

etc.).

Date Filed (Enter both a start and end date in the search fields; a 4-digit year is required).

Entry Date (Enter both a start and end date in the search fields; a 4-digit year is required)

Nature of Suit (Select one or more values from the list; a date range must also be entered for either date filed or last entry date).

Party Name (First and/ or last name).

Attorney Name (For a list of cases for an attorney, enter the attorney's last

name and choose *Attorney* from the **Type** drop down menu).

Here are some additional tips to search by party or attorney name:

1) You must enter at least two consecutive letters in either the **Last Name** or **First Name** search fields.

2) The search is NOT case sensitive.

3) A wild card (*) is not required at the end of a search string (i.e. SM*) but can be entered at the beginning or in the middle of the search (i.e. *ON, or AD*M).

Burning Questions



When can I submit my documents via email?

Attorneys may submit their filing to the Court by email (dcd_cmecef@dcd.uscourts.gov) on five occasions: 1) when the attorney is submitting case-opening documents in PDF format (i.e. complaint, notice of related case, etc.); 2) when the attorney is a new filer and has not yet requested or received an ECF login and password (Note: *this is a one-time privilege and should not be abused*); 3) when the attorney is submitting a document that can only be filed by the Clerk's Office (i.e. amended complaints, intervenor motions, amicus curiae motions, etc.); 4) when the attorney is experiencing difficulty with a particular filing; and 5) when the ECF system is inaccessible due to either

scheduled maintenance or unexplained network problems. In all other instances, documents should be filed by the attorney directly to the ECF system.

In what instances will I be required to refile my motion or other document?

There are a number of requirements that must be fulfilled in order for a document to be deemed a successful filing. Some are more important than others and, in certain instances, refileing your document will become necessary: 1) **Wrong entry is selected:** If your motion is filed as an opposition, or your opposition is filed as a notice, for example, you will be notified to refile it using the correct event. 2) **Multiple entries made for one document:** If you

file the parts of your motion (i.e. motion, memorandum, proposed order) as separate docket entries, you will be notified to refile it as one docket entry. 3)

Problem with the PDF: If your PDF document is scanned upside down or sideways, or if pages are missing or blank, you will be notified to refile it with a corrected PDF document.

4) **Noncompliant or invalid signature:** If the electronic signature on the document does not represent an active member of the Bar of this Court, you will be notified to refile it with a valid signature. 5)

Noncompliant e-filer: If the ECF filer who files the document is not an attorney of record for that case, you will be notified to refile it using a valid attorney's login and password.

CHECK YOUR PDF!

There is a size limit and scanning requirement for all PDFs. The file size of each PDF should not exceed 2MB (about 30 pages). Documents should be scanned at 200-250 dpi (dots per inch) and in blank and white only.

How Do I File...

...a Consent to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge for All Purposes?:

A Consent to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge for All Purposes should be filed in **paper only**. The consent form should contain the signatures of counsel for both the plaintiff(s) and defendant(s). When the consent is received by the Clerk's Office, it will be forwarded to the appropriate judge's chambers for his/her signature. Once the consent form has been signed by the judge, it will be scanned and filed on the docket by a case

administrator, and the case will be referred to a magistrate judge.

...a Notice of Withdrawal of Appearance?:

A Notice of Withdrawal of Appearance should be electronically signed **by the attorney withdrawing from the case**. The notice should be filed in ECF by the withdrawing attorney, but can also be filed by the remaining attorney of record, if the withdrawing attorney has already left the firm. You can find the event for "Notice of Withdrawal of Appearance" under Notices on

both the **Civil** and **Criminal** docketing menus in ECF.

...a Notice of Substitution of Counsel?:

A Notice of Substitution of Counsel should be electronically signed by both the attorney withdrawing from the case and the attorney making his/her appearance in the case. The notice can be filed by either the withdrawing attorney or the appearing attorney using the event "Notice of Substitution of Counsel" found under Notices on both the **Civil** and **Criminal** docketing menus in ECF.

The attorney who has electronically signed the document should be the attorney who electronically files the document via the ECF system.

Just a Reminder

- **File your own documents!** Please do not ask a colleague to file your documents for you, especially if he/she is not an attorney of record in your case.

The attorney who has electronically signed the document should be the attorney who electronically files the document via the ECF system. An attorney who has not signed the document, does not appear on the docket of the case, and in some instances, doesn't even appear in the signature block of the document, **should never make an entry for another attorney.** If you do not have an ECF login and password yet, you can submit your document to our generic ECF email box. If you ask a colleague to file your document for you, it will be deemed entered in error and will need to be refiled.

- **Wait for your NEF to generate!** Any time you

docket anything in ECF, you must wait for the Notice of Electronic Filing (or NEF) to generate and appear on your screen. If you don't wait for the NEF, the entry you just made will not be completed and you will have to start over. Once the NEF appears confirming your filing, you may move on to a new task. To begin a new task, click on one of the menu options on the blue main menu bar located at the top of the ECF screen, including LOG-OUT if you want to end your ECF session.

- **Please DO NOT file 2255s!** When a Rule 2255 Motion to Vacate/Set Aside/Reduce Sentence is to be filed in a criminal case, please do not file it via ECF. It should be filed in paper with an accompanying PDF on a disk. The correct 2255 docket event is no longer available to attorneys and must be filed by a member of the

Clerk's Office staff. When the motion is filed in a criminal case, ECF automatically opens and assigns a new related civil case. **The civil case is for statistical purposes only** and subsequent entries should never be posted to the civil case docket.

- **Do not file "leave to file" documents prematurely!** If you are filing a motion for leave to file a document, or a motion for leave to file excess pages, the document you are seeking leave to file **must be filed at the same time as the motion, but only as an exhibit to the motion, not as a separate docket entry.** Filers must wait for the Judge to grant the motion first before filing the "leave to file" document as a separate and independent docket entry. If this procedure is not followed, entries will be entered in error and you will be asked to refile the motion.

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cial account information (use last four digits); names of minor children (use initials); dates of birth (use year only); and home addresses of individuals (use city and state). If additional redactions are necessary, the attorney or party must file a motion with the Court.

Within 31 calendar days from the date the transcript was filed (or longer, if ordered by the Court), the requested redactions will be made and a redacted version of the transcript will be

filed with the Clerk of Court. The original unredacted version will be retained by the Clerk as a restricted document. If there are no redaction documents or outstanding motions linked to the transcript after the 90-day restriction period, the restrictions will be lifted and the transcript will be made available to the public.

Additional information will be available on the Clerk's Office website when the new policy is implemented.

LOOSE ENDS...

» **New Event: Motion to Reduce Sentence!** Congress approved an amendment to the sentencing guidelines pertaining to cocaine base offenses which took effect on Nov. 1, 2007, and applies to defendants sentenced on or before that date. If you are filing a motion to reduce sentence for a defendant in this type of criminal case, there is now a new event to be used. The event is called **Reduce Sentence re Crack Cocaine Offense—18:3582** and can be found on the criminal **Motions** menu in ECF.

» **Attention attorneys filing Miscellaneous cases!** Just a few friendly reminders: All new miscellaneous case filings require an original and one copy, plus a disk with PDF versions of all documents filed. Please do not forget the disk(s)! Also, please make sure that a Notice of Related Case form accompanies your initial filing if it relates to another case in our court. This form should be submitted in PDF version as well. In addition, when a registration of judgment from another court is filed in our district as a miscellaneous case, please file a Notice of Filing along with it (also in PDF format). The notice will provide the necessary attorney information that we need to add to the docket of the case. And one last note: Please, no SEALED miscellaneous filings should be left in the overnight drop box! Sealed documents can only be submitted during regular business hours. Thank you for your cooperation.

What's the 411?



A recent report on ECF courts compiled such data as Registered Non-Court Users and Non-Court Users Who Have Filed in ECF. The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ranks 9th out of 96 courts for Registered Non-Court Users with a total of 14,020. Of those registered non-court users, 8,251 (59%) have actually filed a document in ECF, which also ranks 9th in that category overall. New York-Southern (30,689), California-Northern (24,313) and New York-Eastern (20,988) lead the pack in Registered Non-Court Users, as well as non-court users who have filed electronically with 17,229 (56%), 16,173 (66%) and 15,205 (72%), respectively.

Of the 13,014 entries made during the month of March 2008 in the District of Columbia, 3,687 (28%) were made by non-court users.

The Clerk's Office, U.S. Probation Office (USPO) and U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) kicked off the eDesignate program in 2007. This is a program

developed by the Department of Justice to accelerate the gathering of documents necessary to designate a convicted federal defendant to the Bureau of Prisons (BOP). The USPO and USMS are the two entities charged with making this system work.

The Clerk's Office sends the Judgment and Commitment (J&C) to the USPO in electronic form. In so doing, we can completely eliminate the need to provide agencies with certified paper copies of the J&C. The Clerk's Office will file the J&C in the case via ECF, which will automatically forward a copy to the USPO electronically. The USPO will download the J&C and attach it to the eDesignate database and forward those electronic documents to the USMS. When fully operational, the USMS will upload all required documents into the eDesignate system to facilitate the BOP's timely and cost-effective designation of prisoners.

This is a huge improvement in a system that has been solely reliant on

paper. The cost savings, as well as the efficiencies, will be enormous to the Clerk's Office, the USMS, and the BOP. The eDesignate program is a great example of using ECF to its fullest potential.

It has been brought to the attention of the Clerk's Office, by our colleagues at the Court of Federal Claims, that cases being transferred to that court have a 60-day waiting period before the case should be officially transferred. According to 28 U.S.C. 1292 (d)(4)(B): "When a motion to transfer an action to the Court of Federal Claims is filed in a district court, no further proceedings shall be taken in the district court until 60 days after the court has ruled upon the motions." The 60 days gives a party time to appeal the transfer order. Therefore, if we receive an order directing a case to be transferred to the Court of Federal Claims, it will be transferred to that court on the 61st day.