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CM/ECF NEWS U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NY

VERSION 3.2 OF CM/ECF TO BE IMPLEMENTED OCTOBER 1, 2008

(CM/ECF will be unavailable on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 from 5:00 pm through Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 10:00 am)

Effective October 1, 2008, the Court will make the transition to the latest version of CM/ECF, Version 3.2. There are several enhancements to CM/ECF, which are briefly highlighted below. An additional newsletter with more 3.2 updates will be sent prior to the implementation date. The Court will continue to provide instructional information through email notifications, classes, User References in the Utilities section of CM, and in the CM/ECF section of the Court's website at www.nywb.uscourts.gov/cmecf.php. Please be sure to check with your Bankruptcy Preparation Software vendor for the 3.2 updates.

User Interface Enhancements:

Cascading Menu System.

Option to search both menus and docket events which match entered text.

Case number look-ups in docketing, reports, queries, and utilities.

Event searches during docketing.

Previously, when a new party was added following a search, only the search value for last name was carried over to the "Party Information" screen. Now, all search values are carried over.

Claims/Creditors:

Ability to search under all creditor types, or individual types.

When searching through the creditor pull-down list, holding the cursor over the creditor's name will list the number of claims, if any, filed by that creditor. If a claim is no longer owned by that creditor, the number appears in parentheses. **NOTE:** Users of Internet Explorer Version 6 or lower will not see this display.

After selecting the creditor, a popup window will appear with the same information. This allows user to verify the creditor's name and address. If no creditors are returned during a search, a "change

search criteria” option has been added.

Proof of Claim Filing:

Previously, a claim was accepted as amending another claim only if the creditor selected for the amended claim was the same as the creditor for the original claim. Now, any creditor can be selected.

There is now a *Find* button next to the “*Amends Claim #*” box. The user can click this button to display claims that have been filed in the case in a separate window. This allows user to easily locate their previously filed claim.

Claims Register:

Multiple creditor types can now be selected (using your mouse, or control key); the type of creditor is displayed on the search results list.

Pop-up calendars which highlight non-working days have been added to the “*from*” and “*to*” dates. This gives the user the option to click on a date, or type in it in. To see all of the claims filed in a case, leave the defaulted dates and click “*run report*”.

If a claim has been transferred, or the claimant has been changed via editing, a “*Claimant History*” link is now displayed in the Creditor section.

In the History section for each claim, there is now a “*Details*” link for each item which provides additional information. This allows users to track additional changes to each claim.

Notice of Electronic Filing

Previously, the recipient of a “Summary of ECF Edit Activity” email could click a link for an NEF receipt and view it without logging in. Now, the user must provide a CM/ECF or PACER login before the receipt is displayed (no PACER charges are incurred).

Queries/Reports:

In the Case Summary option, the nature of debt (business or consumer) is now displayed.

The “*Corporate Parent*” option has been renamed “*Corporate Parents/Affiliates*”, since parents and affiliates are now distinguished throughout the application.

On the output of this option, corporate parents are labeled “*cp*”, and corporate affiliates are labeled “*ca*”.

Deadlines/Hearings Report now displays the Case Judge, and the Hearing Judge if different from the Case Judge.

The filing date on The Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing now reads “*FILED*” rather than “*FILED ELECTRONICALLY*”.

Cases Report: When selecting the “*Party Information*” box in the Cases Report, the party role description will now display with the party name. (E.g. Debtor, Defendant). If user specifies that both open and closed cases should be included, additional counts of open cases and closed cases are displayed.

Docket Report: The selection screen has been rearranged and has new “*Document Options*”. One new option allows user to view/download multiple documents. By selecting more than one document, the system will display one pdf file containing all the documents. A similar capability has been added to the Document Selection Menu, which is displayed when the user clicks the document number link for a document that has attachments (in a docket report, a history/document query, etc.). Previously, each of these documents had to be viewed and saved separately.

Maintain Your Account:

A new checkbox, “*Add Headers to PDF Documents*”, may appear on the screen when the user is editing his own account information. If the application is set to display PDF headers, the checkbox allows user to choose whether PDF documents (submitted when an event was docketed or a claim was filed) will include header information when they are displayed by the application. However, the “*Include PDF Headers*” box on the Docket Report selection screen will override the user’s general header preference for that particular docket report.

SEE THE CHANGES BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2008!!

CM/ECF Version 3.2 will be available in the Court’s training database by the close of business on Friday, September 5, 2008. All users are strongly encouraged to visit the training database to test the new features. The training database may be found at <https://ecf-train.nywb.uscourts.gov/>. Please use the login assigned to you at the CM/ECF training class. If you have lost your login/ password, or have any questions about this new version, please contact Jane Murphy at (585) 613-4221.

**** CM/ECF has been tested and works correctly with Firefox 2.0, Internet Explorer 6.0 and 7.0. No other browsers are supported.****

