

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

GENERAL ORDER RE: ELECTRONIC CASE FILING

September 2, 2003

Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(e) authorizes this Court to establish practices and procedures for the filing, signing and verification of documents by electronic means.

Accordingly, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts hereby orders that all cases filed within this District are eligible for electronic case filing according to the rules and procedures outlined in the following:

- A) The Electronic Case Filing Administrative Procedures
- B) Electronic Case Filing User's Manual
- C) Standing Orders concerning ECF implementation and the provision of courtesy

copies. Unless otherwise specified by the particular court in its session order, each session will adopt a standing order of the form attached.

**Please Note: Counsel should pay particular attention to the rules with regard to sealed documents and ex parte submissions. Under ECF, if sealed documents or ex parte submissions are inadvertently filed electronically, they become immediately available to the public.**

After September 8, 2003, counsel who have registered for ECF and who have received information concerning login and passwords will receive electronic notice of court orders and decisions. After October 1, 2003, counsel who have registered for ECF and have received login and password information will be eligible to file documents electronically, according to the rules and procedures outlined above.

It is so Ordered:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
William G. Young  
Chief Judge

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Rya W. Zobel  
United States District Judge

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas P. Woodlock  
United States District Judge

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard G. Stearns  
United States District Judge

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Patti B. Saris  
United States District Judge

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael A Ponsor  
United States District Judge

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph L. Tauro  
United States District Judge

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark L. Wolf  
United States District Judge

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Nathaniel M. Gorton  
United States District Judge

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Reginald C. Lindsay  
United States District Judge

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Gertner  
United States District Judge

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
George A. O'Toole  
United States District Judge