

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING FILING OF DOCUMENTS

The docketing and case management system for the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts was changed to the new Case Management/Electronic Case Files system (CM/ECF) as of Monday, May 19, 2003. Until attorneys begin electronically filing their own documents, the court will be scanning all documents submitted so that they will be available to the public as they are electronically filed by court staff. The clerk's office will not image or make electronically available documents that have been sealed or otherwise restricted by court order. We will begin to train attorneys during the summer for CM/ECF electronic filing which is expected to begin in September 2003.

In order to expedite the scanning process, documents submitted for filing in this court should no longer be stapled. Documents should continue to be filed on 8 ½ " x 11" paper without backers as required by Local Rule 5.1 (a)(2) but they should now be bound by removable paper or binder clips. The court has determined pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(e) that there is an immediate need for this amendment to the Local Rules. Those wishing to comment on this change may do so in writing. All comments must be received on or before July 25, 2003 and should be addressed to:

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