

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

NOTICE REGARDING UPDATES TO CM/ECF

A new version (4.1.1) of the District Court's CM/ECF system was installed on March 20, 2010. The Release Notes are available on the Court's website at <http://www.mad.uscourts.gov/caseinfo/cmecf-general.htm>

This version will provide a number of new features:

- The case opening screen now has filters to simplify searching for certain required information;
- The screens presented when adding parties now have a "party tree" on the left side of the screen, with icons that allow the filer to make limited changes to the information entered;
- The screen presented during any entry that has an associated fee (complaints, motions to appear *pro hac vice*, notices of appeal, etc.) now asks a series of questions to determine the filer's status (government, state government, seaman, *in forma pauperis*, etc.);
- The two screens presented in the past for adding documents and attachments are combined into one for ease of use;
- The email configuration screens are less complicated; and
- Attorneys may file miscellaneous (MBD) cases online.

CAUTION: There have been reports that some users have experienced problems with the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF). Emails may be generated improperly when a user has a secondary email address and either the primary or secondary email address has included "cases of interest." Each attorney is encouraged to verify that emails are being delivered correctly to each email address on his/her CM/ECF account. The Court's Administrative Office reports that this problem has been corrected in this version of CM/ECF.

The best way to avoid problems with the delivery of NEFs is to remove all secondary email address for user accounts.

Users are asked to contact the CM/ECF Help Desk if any problems are found with the delivery of NEFs.

If you have any questions on using any of these features, please contact the Court's CM/ECF Help Desk at 866-239-6233 or by email at ecfhelp@mad.uscourts.gov.

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