

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Central District of Illinois**

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE BAR

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2008, IN MOST CASES, ONLY ELECTRONIC NOTICE
WILL BE SENT TO CM/ECF PARTICIPANTS. DUPLICATE PAPER NOTICES WILL BE
ELIMINATED

Please be advised that on or about September 15, 2008, the Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of Illinois will implement a Reduced Paper Module (RPM) which eliminates a majority of the paper notices sent by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) to participants of the court's electronic filing system (CM/ECF). CM/ECF participants will continue to receive a Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) as an e-mail, but will no longer receive a duplicate paper notice. An exception to this is the section 341 Notice that will continue to be generated in both electronic and paper form.

Implementation of the Reduced Paper Module by the courts will save the Judiciary millions of dollars in postage and Bankruptcy Noticing Center contract costs.

In light of the fact that duplicate paper notices are eliminated and notice will only be provided thru NEF, it is important to emphasize that **it is the attorney's responsibility to carefully manage their CM/ECF User Accounts and e-mail accounts as well as to monitor case activity.**

In implementing this transition to RPM, please be specifically advised of the following :

* If the Court's computer servers or network fail and cause NEF notification to be suspended, the Court will either resend the missed NEF messages or send out an alert to the entire Bar to login to CM/ECF and check their caseload for activity.

* Email technology is not perfect and can fail for any number of reasons. Most of the points of failure are outside of the control of the Court. Very few messages vanish without a trace as to the point of failure. Overall, the Court relies on recent advances in email delivery and email is a trustworthy technology that serves the Court and the Bar well.

*The Participant should take action to resolve inability to receive NEF's as quickly as possible. If the problem is not resolved, the Court will temporarily disable the Participant's email account and CM/ECF login account.

*In the event the Court must temporarily disable the Participant's email and CM/ECF accounts, the Clerk will place a notation on the docket indicating that the Participant's ability to receive NEF's has been disabled.

*When the Court is notified that the problem has been resolved, the Clerk will restore the Participant's ability to receive NEF's, place a notation on the docket indicating that the problem has been resolved, and eliminate the generation of paper notices.

The time to start preparing is now.

* It is recommended that your email program be of a higher quality than the available free email services.

* Your email account must have sufficient inbox capacity and should be constantly monitored to prevent transmission problems.

*If your email address has been known to have problems, we recommend that you enter an alternative secondary and/or tertiary email address. Login to CM/ECF and go to Utilities>Maintain Your ECF Account. Add an alternative secondary email address, and click Submit twice.

*It is each attorney's responsibility to keep their contact and email addresses current through the Court's CM/ECF online service. To update your CM/ECF account, login to CM/ECF, go to Utilities>Maintain Your ECF Account. Then, make the necessary modifications, and click Submit twice.

* CM/ECF User Accounts should be updated within 24 hours of a change to a Participant's contact information, including mailing address, email address, or phone number.

These guidelines may be modified at any time by the Clerk of Court. Additional information concerning implementation of RPM will be posted on our web site at www.ilcb.uscourts.gov.

Dated : August 1, 2008

Pamela Sherry, Clerk of Court