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Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (DeBN) Pilot

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The Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of Illinois has partnered with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to pilot a debtor electronic noticing program using the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) beginning **mid-December 2013**. The program, called "Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing" or "DeBN," allows debtors to request email delivery of notices and orders that have been filed by the Court (e.g., Notice Scheduling Objections, Hearing Notice, Order on Motion for Relief from Stay, Order Discharging Debtor).

Overview:

- DeBN is a free and voluntary service available only to debtors.
- Debtors may request enrollment or deactivation of their DeBN account at any time.
- Debtors must file a written request to participate in the DeBN program using the Court's approved form.
- Email delivery of notices and orders through the DeBN program **ONLY** applies to documents that have been filed by the Court. All other parties will continue to serve debtors via U.S. mail.
- Emails will be sent by the BNC in the evening on the same day the notice or order was filed.
- Notices and orders will be PDF attachments with no limit on how often they can be viewed.
- A debtor's email address will only appear in the case on the BNC Certificate of Mailing.
- A debtor will receive electronic notice of any documents filed by the bankruptcy court in any current or future bankruptcy or adversary case from any bankruptcy court district in which the debtor is listed with the same name and address, including cases where the debtor is listed as a creditor.

How it Works:

- Debtor completes and files the approved form (Debtor's Electronic Noticing Request).
- Court staff registers the debtor's DeBN account.
- BNC sends debtor an automated email with a link to click to activate the DeBN account.
- Debtor clicks the link and activates the account.
- BNC sends debtor an automated email confirming account activation.
- Debtor will immediately begin receiving notices and orders via email.

The implementation of DeBN will provide faster and more efficient service of court notices and orders on debtors. It will also improve attorney-client communications regarding court notices and instructions, and will significantly reduce court noticing costs.

Request for Volunteer Debtor Attorneys:

The Court is seeking volunteers to assist in testing the DeBN pilot program. The Court will provide the attorneys with educational materials for their debtor clients. To be considered for the DeBN testing team, you must:

- Have a high volume practice representing debtors.
- Be willing to work closely with the debtor and the court to ensure proper receipt of email notices.

DeBN testing is expected to begin **mid-December 2013** and continue for approximately 60 days. If you would like to be considered for the DeBN testing team or have any questions, please contact the DeBN Project Leader, Angela (Dory) Pasquale, at (217) 993-7821 or angela_pasquale@ilcb.uscourts.gov by **Friday, November 29, 2013**.