Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts

CM/ECF

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Notes for PACER Users

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This document summarizes the changes you may notice when you use CM/ECF in a U. S. Bankruptcy Court that has installed Release 3.1.6 of the application. Note that a few of these changes were made available to the courts in July 2007 and may already appear in some jurisdictions.

Case Upload

- Previously, the acceptable values for estimated assets and estimated liabilities were A through E; now, they are A through J, and the values associated with codes A-E have changed. The new codes/values are shown below; the old translations are shown in parentheses.

  Estimated assets
  A = $0 to $50,000 ($0 to $10,000)
  B = $50,001 to $100,000 ($10,000 to $100,000)
  C = $100,001 to $500,000 ($100,000 to $1 million)
  D = $500,001 to $1 million ($1 million to $100 million)
  E = $1,000,001 to $10 million (More than $100 million)
  F = $10,000,001 to $50 million
  G = $50,000,001 to $100 million
  H = $100,000,001 to $500 million
  I = $500,000,001 to $1 billion
  J = More than $1 billion

  Estimated liabilities
  A = $0 to $50,000 ($0 to $50,000)
  B = $50,001 to $100,000 ($50,000 to $100,000)
  C = $100,001 to $500,000 ($100,000 to $1 million)
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- When the debtor file included joint debtors, the program was not requiring the first debtor to have a zip code. Now, both debtors must have a zip code value.

- Data fields that exceed their maximum sizes will now be rejected. Maximums can be found at the "Bankruptcy Case Information File" link on the PACER Service Center's Case Upload page: http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/cmecf/developer/case_upload.html.

- Previously, a joint bankruptcy case was incorrectly assigned to one of the court's divisional offices based on the joint debtor's data. Now, the assignment is based on the primary debtor's data.

- Previously, the value for "small business" was only verified for Chapter 11 cases. Now, this value is always checked and must be null for other chapters.

- Previously, the value for "presumption" was only verified for a voluntary Chapter 7 case filed by an individual where nature of debt is "consumer". Now, this value is always checked and must be null for cases which do not have these characteristics.

Case Opening

On the statistics screen for a bankruptcy case, the "Estimated debts" label has been changed to "Estimated liabilities". You are now required to select values for both estimated assets and estimated liabilities; the values in the selection lists for these items have changed (see Case Upload above).

Claims Upload

A transaction which transfers a claim may include an optional specification for the transferring creditor. Previously, a creditor who was not the owner of the claim was accepted. Now, the specified creditor must be the owner of the claim.

Note: the creditor specification is made within the "transferClaim" function, with the "creditorId" attribute of the "transferorInformation" tag; the attribute gives the value of cr_num from the creditor record. Details can be found at the "Electronic Filing of Bankruptcy Claims" link on the PACER Service Center's Developer Resources page: http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/cmecf/developer/

Docketing

- Application for payment of fees

    The selection list for "Type" of professional previously had a default of "Accountant", which was sometimes accepted when another value should have been selected. Now, the default is blank so that you must make a conscious choice.

Query

- The "date of last filing" displayed at the top of the query menu screen sometimes reflected the date of an event that was not shown on the public docket. Now, when you perform a query, the "date of last filing" is the date of the most recent event available for public viewing.

- When you were logged in only with a PACER account and searched by case number, an error occurred if the current client code contained a comma. This problem has been corrected.

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Reports

Claims Register, Docket Report

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