



The Frequent Filer

Electronic Filing Newsletter
For the U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Iowa

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ECF 4.2 Follow Up



Faithful readers of The Frequent Filer are no doubt pinching themselves in disbelief, asking in astonishment “What?!?! Two Frequent Filers within two weeks of each other? How much luckier can I get?!?!” Well, we are nothing if not a full service bankruptcy court here in the Northern District of Iowa, and in keeping with our tradition of providing top-notch customer service to our filing community, this bonus edition of the Filer is aimed entirely at making sure that your transition to CM/ECF Release 4.2 has been a smooth one. We’ve got some important information regarding BNC notifications to share with you, as well as some PACER changes that you’ll encounter as you navigate the 4.2 waters. Good luck, and as always, be careful out there!

341 BNC Paper Notifications - Where’d They Go??

Incorporated into CM/ECF Release 4.2 are a number of changes related to the way notifications from the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) are issued. One of the more significant changes with Release 4.2 involves the elimination of the *paper* BNC Notice of Meeting of Creditors to Debtors’ Attorneys. Currently, attorneys receive the 341 notice two ways:

- 1) By notice of electronic filing (NEF) with the debtor's redacted Social Security number (SSN) and
- 2) by U.S. Mail through the BNC with the debtor’s full SSN.

In an effort to be both cost-conscious and more environmentally friendly, the improvement provided with CM/ECF Release 4.2 allows the BNC to send you an email containing a secure hyperlink to the unredacted 341 notice in place of a paper notice. The BNC will send one summary email per day containing hyperlinks to one or more notices, and each hyperlink provides one free look to the full notice. **Bottom Line: Effective**



October 10th, 2011, you will no longer receive the paper 341 notice from the BNC.

Wondering how you'll know when you've received a 341 email from the BNC? Subject lines of emails received from the BNC will look like this (we know, they look a little like spam):

Subject: BNC E-mail #5 to TP 5000001 [t-4859422]

For additional information, see the sample BNC email notification attached to the end of this Filer. And as always, don't hesitate to contact the Clerk's Office if you have any questions about this change.



Reminder Roundup: Additional BNC Changes Effective with 4.2

Combined Notification

As was mentioned in the last edition of the Filer, one of the changes made with the convenience of BNC recipients in mind was the combining of noticing recipients on the BNC Certificates of Notice. Effective October 10th, 2011, when a pleading is noticed through the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) and by CM/ECF Notices of Electronic Filing (NEF), users no longer have to look in two locations to determine who was noticed. The BNC Certificate of Notice now displays noticing activity for both methods. Case participants who were noticed in CM/ECF by electronic mail will be appended to the BNC Certificates of Notice.

Bypass Notices Emailed to Debtors' Attorneys

Previously, the BNC Bypass Notices were sent through the U.S. Mail. With the upgrade to CM/ECF Release 4.2, the BNC now emails bypass notices of undeliverable addresses to debtors' attorneys using the email address that is recorded in CM/ECF for the debtors' attorney. If there is no email address for the debtors' attorney, then the bypass notice will be mailed.



PACER Changes

Many of you may remember the Judicial Conference Privacy Policy that went into effect back in December of 2003.

Intended to protect against the publishing of private information, the policy stated that sensitive information must be redacted on all documents filed in the CM/ECF system. However, private information filed prior to 12/1/2003 is still available in CM/ECF if it wasn't initially redacted or restricted, and may be accessed by PACER users.

In an effort to avoid this, effective with Release 4.2, restrictions are now placed on **all** documents, including claims, in cases which meet the following two criteria:

- 1) Opened before December 1, 2003 and
- 2) Have been closed for at least a year

Cases that fall into this category will now be available through PACER ONLY to case participants and attorneys of record in the case. All others attempting to access may do so only by (1) viewing them at the public access terminals located in the Clerk's Offices, or (2) contacting the Clerk's Office to order copies.

Filing Fee Increase

At the September 2011 session, the Judicial Conference approved increases to the miscellaneous fee schedules for the courts of appeals, district courts, bankruptcy courts, the Court of Federal Claims, and the Judicial Panel on MultiDistrict Litigation. In addition to the various miscellaneous fee increases, the initial filing fee for all chapters of bankruptcy will be increasing by \$7. **These changes will become effective November 1, 2011.** A detailed listing of the fee changes is available on the court's website and may be viewed [here](#).

Holiday Schedule Reminder

The Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Iowa will be closed for business on Thursday, November 24, 2011 in observance of Thanksgiving. Pursuant to the Northern District of Iowa's District Court Public Administrative Order No. 11-AO-0005-P, entered August 8, 2011, the Bankruptcy Court will also be closed for business on Friday, November 25, 2011.

The Court's CM/ECF system will be available for electronic filing and research on these dates, but there will be no Help Desk personnel available to provide telephonic support for the system. Papers filed electronically on November 24th and 25th will receive final processing by the Clerk's Office on Monday, November 28, 2011.



Sample Email Format for Debtors' Attorneys, 341 Notices

From: bncedi@noticingcenter.com
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2011 8:11 PM
To: Attorney email address
Subject: BNC E-mail #5 to TP 5000001 [t-4859422]

***NOTE: You may view the following bankruptcy notices once without charge. Additional viewings are available through the court's electronic public access service; fees may apply. To avoid incurring charges, download a copy of the documents during this first viewing.

This E-mail contains 4 notices totaling 10 pages.
Your E-mails are serialized; this is number 5.

Please do not reply to this E-mail; it was generated automatically.

To retrieve the notices, click on the case number links below.

Case#, Court form code, Originating court, Title of document filed

(1) [99-99999](#), B9A, Baltimore - V2, "Meeting of Creditors Chapter 7"

District: Maryland

Office: Baltimore - V2

Court: MD01

Chapter: 7

Judge: AAA

Name

Address

Address

(2) [99-99999](#), B9I, Greenbelt - V2, "Meeting of Creditors Chapter 13"

District: Maryland

Office: Greenbelt - V2

Court: MD00

Chapter: 13

Judge: AAA

Name

Address

Address

(3) 99-99999, B9A, Baltimore - V2, "Meeting of Creditors Chapter 7"

District: Maryland

Office: Baltimore - V2

Court: MD01

Chapter: 7

Judge: AA

Name

Address

Address

(4) 99-99999, B9A, Baltimore - V2, "Meeting of Creditors Chapter 7"

District: Maryland

Office: Baltimore - V2

Court: MD01

Chapter: 7

Judge: AA

Name

Address

Address