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To All Attorneys Practicing in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada:

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada implemented its Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (the "CM/ECF System") on January 1, 2002. The CM/ECF System provides users with the ability to file and access court documents 24 hours a day, seven days a week, via the Internet.

As part of the Court's implementation schedule, electronic filing became mandatory on February 2, 2004 for those firms and attorneys who are the eleven largest filers in the Court. The Court appreciates the active and ongoing cooperation of those members of the bar in becoming CM/ECF participants.

The Judges have now approved the final phase of the CM/ECF implementation schedule. ***Effective January 1, 2005, electronic filing will be mandatory for all practitioners who file two (2) or more petitions, motions, oppositions, memoranda of law, proofs of claim, or other pleadings and papers (or any combination thereof).***

Training and registration are required in order to file via the CM/ECF System. In order to ensure compliance with mandatory electronic filing by January 1, 2005, you are strongly encouraged to complete training as early as possible. The court has created several training aids, which you are encouraged to view prior to attending one of our training sessions. Please visit our web site at <http://nvb.uscourts.gov> to obtain information on training, view the schedule for available training sessions, and sign up for training classes.

The Court is strongly committed to providing assistance and support during and after your transition to electronic case filing. Vickie Mullings, the Court's Information Technology Systems Manager (702-388-6155), Marianne Street, the CM/ECF Systems Administrator (702-388-6988), and Debbie Gallagher, the CM/ECF Data Quality Analyst/Trainer in Reno (775-784-5023 ext. 3300) are available to respond to your questions and otherwise provide help to you and your staff.

Virtually all bankruptcy courts are planning to implement CM/ECF by the end of 2004. CM/ECF offers many benefits for attorneys, their clients and the public, including:

- Can file petitions, pleadings, and other papers electronically 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- 24 hour ability to view case documents and dockets via the Internet
- Automatic e-mail notice of case activity
- Can download and print documents directly from the Court via Pacer
- No waiting in line or unavailable files at the courthouse
- Concurrent access to case files by multiple parties
- Savings in time and expenses (mail/courier costs)

As with any new technology, there will be new procedures. We realize that the CM/ECF System will impose changes in your practice, as well as requiring significant modifications in how the clerk and the Court function. We believe, however, that the CM/ECF System is an important advancement and improvement for both practitioners and the public.

The nationwide implementation of the CM/ECF System for all the federal judiciary is well underway and full participation by the courts is a certainty. On behalf of the Bankruptcy Court, please accept our gratitude for your transition to electronic case filing. Your involvement in the CM/ECF System is essential in advancing bankruptcy case management in Nevada.



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