

ECF Changes For the External User

The following items are new to ECF effective October 10, 2006.

Bankruptcy Case Opening

- Values for estimated assets and estimated debts have changed.
- Nonprofit Organization has been renamed as Tax-Exempt Entity and may be selected in conjunction with any type of business.
- A new Summary of Schedules screen is displayed. Data entered on this screen is checked against deficient items. If the user enters a figure for Schedule A on the Summary and checked Schedule A as deficient an error message will be displayed.
- Defaults for estimated assets, estimated debts, nature of debt and estimated number of creditors are now blank; values should be selected for each item and are required for the last two items.
- The asset notice field defaults to the correct value for the chapter being filed.
- New defaults and cross checks have been added. If nature of debt is consumer the debtor type must be individual.
- Type of business is now a radio button; and Other business type has been added.
- Nature of business label has been added above business type.
- Chapter 11 case information includes two questions asking if a plan is being filed with the petition and if acceptance of the plan was solicited pre-petition.
- Users must answer a question if the debtor had a prior filing within the past 8 years.

Adversary Case Opening

- Users must now select Role in Bankruptcy Case when entering plaintiff and defendant information.
- The statistical screen asks a Yes/No question regarding State Law.
- The Nature of Suit screen has been changed.

Creditor Processing

- Additional checks have been built into the system to prevent bad data from being

uploaded. Each line must begin with a letter, digit, or one of the following characters: # % & @

Document Filing

- A new feature called the Find Menu has been added under the Utilities option. This feature will assist users in locating docket events and determining under which menu they may be found.
- When filing amended schedules please do not file multiple events on the same entry. Instead select each entry separately and complete the process before entering the next item.
- Many events now have additional fields. For example, the Schedule events (A, B, C, etc.) prompt for a dollar amount or value. Please enter the value based on the information contained on the document being filed.

Query

- When multiple cases match the query criteria, the list of cases shows the date closed in addition to the date filed.

Reports

- The Cases, Claims Activity and Docket Activity reports now display a warning that they are not subject to the 30-page cap on PACER charges.
- On the Cases Report the previous chapter is now shown on converted cases.
- Adversary Docket Reports now displays the chapter of the related bankruptcy case.