



United States Bankruptcy Court District of New Jersey

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The purpose of this notice is to advise New Jersey Bankruptcy Court CM/ECF participants of new system and operational developments and to highlight issues that require immediate attention.

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REVISION TO LOCAL RULE DUE TO FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY RULE AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2020

On November 19, 2020, the Court entered a *Notice to the Bar and Public* and related *General Order Pending Adoption of Local Rule Change Due to December 1, 2020 Amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure*. The General Order made the following Local Rule revision effective December 1, 2020, pending adoption under the Court's Annual Local Rule Making Cycle:

D.N.J. LBR 2004-1. Examination

Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of this local rule have been amended to conform with the changes to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2004, which now includes *electronically stored information* in document production.

ADDITIONAL NOTICING BY THE COURT DUE TO BANKRUPTCY RULE AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2020

Pursuant to the amendment to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(f)(7), notice of entry of each order confirming a chapter 13 plan will be sent by the Court through the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) effective December 1, 2020.

FEE CHANGES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2020

On November 10, 2020, the Court entered a *Notice to the Bar and Public Concerning Fee Changes Effective December 1, 2020* to advise of inflationary adjustments to certain fees contained in the Bankruptcy Miscellaneous Fee Schedule. These adjustments were approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

REMOTE (ZOOM) TRIAL GUIDELINES

Pursuant to the *Amended General Order Regarding Court Operations Under The Exigent Circumstances Created By Coronavirus (COVID-19)* entered by the Court on October 30, 2020, guidelines for trials using Zoom software have been posted to the Court's website, njb.uscourts.gov > [For Attorneys](#) > [Zoom Trial Guidelines](#).

CHAPTER 13 PLAN AND MOTIONS

E-filers are reminded that the Court's mandatory local form, *Chapter 13 Plan and Motions*, was revised effective August 1, 2020. Failure to file the current version of this form will result in the issuance of an *Order to Show Cause Why Case Should Not be Dismissed for Failure to File Documents or Extend Time*.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AMENDMENTS

Please take note of a recent modification to the *Order Respecting Amendment to Voluntary Petition and/or Statement About Your Social Security Number*, which was recently approved by the Board of Judges. The order now includes an additional requirement to notify credit reporting agencies when debtors amend their social security number as follows:

It is further ORDERED that the debtor must mail, by regular and certified mail, a notice correcting the social security number to the three national credit reporting agencies: Experian; Trans Union Corporation; Equifax Credit Information Services, Inc., or/and their successors and assigns, at their last known address on their website and file a separate Certification of Service regarding proof of same not later than 7 days after the date of this Order.

NEW PACER WEBSITE

PACER recently launched a redesigned website. Some of the new features include:

- Mobile friendly design;
- Search tool for court-specific information;
- Improved search engine;
- *Manage My Account* and *Registration* applications have new designs to improve user experience;
- Interactive format to search frequently asked questions;

The website URL was also changed to pacer.uscourts.gov

UNDELIVERABLE E-MAILS (“BOUNCE BACKS”)

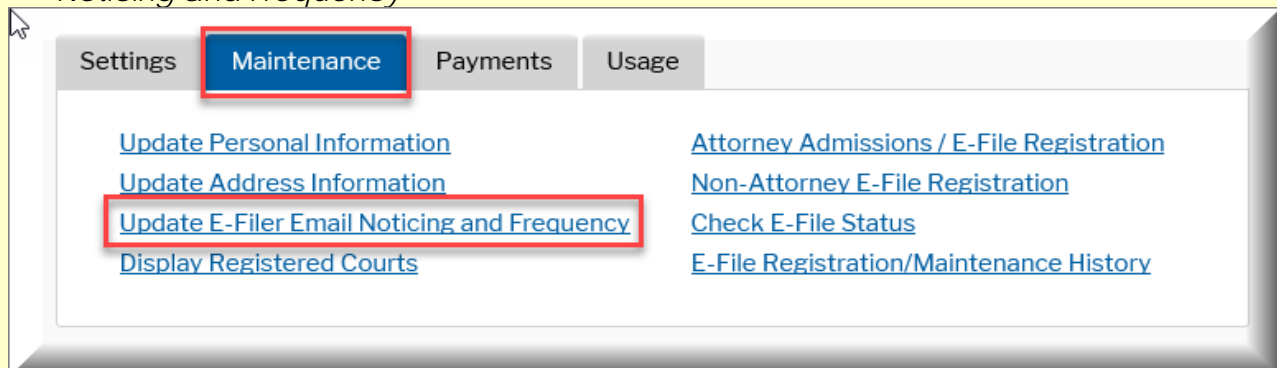
E-filers are reminded of the responsibility to maintain updated email information with Pacer in order to reduce undeliverable email notifications. All *Notices of Electronic Filing* display the email address of each attorney notified of a filing, however, if the email address is incorrect, the email will not be delivered.

To modify an email address associated with a Pacer account, go to pacer.uscourts.gov and follow the steps outlined below:

- Select *Manage My Account Login*



- Log in with your Pacer credentials, select *Maintenance* Tab then *Update E-Filer E-Mail Noticing and Frequency*



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Undeliverable E-Mails (“Bounce Backs”) – continued:

- Select the applicable Courts to apply changes, update Required Information and click **Submit**:

Apply Updates to Selected Courts

U.S. Bankruptcy Courts

New Jersey Bankruptcy Court
 Click to apply changes to this court

Required Information

Primary Email *

Confirm Email *

Email Frequency * ▼

Email Format * ▼

Submit **Reset** **Cancel**

COURT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please be advised that the Court will be closed on the following dates:

Friday, December 25, 2020

Friday, January 1, 2021

Monday, January 18, 2021