



Notice of CM/ECF 5.1.1 Upgrade

U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

Monday, October 24th, 2011

On November 4th, the District of Minnesota will upgrade CM/ECF to version 5.1.1. CM/ECF will be unavailable from 6pm on Friday, November 4th to 6pm on Saturday, November 5th. The following changes will affect all users.

Restricted Access to Bankruptcy Appeals

On September 14, 2010, the Judicial Conference approved a recommendation from the Committee on Court Administration and Case Management to amend the policy on privacy and public access to electronic case files. This restricted public access to documents in bankruptcy appeal cases in district courts is for bankruptcy cases filed before December 1, 2003.

All documents not flagged as written opinions, filed in cases designated as bankruptcy appeals (Natures of Suit 422 and 423) that have a case filing date prior to December 1, 2003, and a case closure date of one or more years ago, will be automatically restricted to case participants, public terminals, and court staff.

Updated Civil Coversheet (JS-44) and Nature of Suit Codes

A PDF form, WordPerfect version, and a newly created web-based version of the updated Civil Coversheet (JS-44) will be available on Monday, November 7th due to changes in the nature of suit codes. While the web-based version of the form looks substantially different from the PDF and WordPerfect versions of the cover sheet, it collects the same case filing information in a format that should be easier to use for both attorneys and court staff.

The following nature of suit codes have been eliminated:

444 Civil Rights: Welfare	730 Labor: Reporting/Disclosure
610 Forfeiture/Penalty: Agriculture	810 Selective Service
620 Forfeiture/Penalty: Other Food and Drug	875 Taxes: Customer Challenge
630 Forfeiture/Penalty: Liquor Laws	892 Economic Stabilization Act
640 Forfeiture/Penalty: R.R. & Truck	894 Energy Allocation Act
650 Forfeiture/Penalty: Airline Regs	900 Appeal of Fee Determination
660 Forfeiture/Penalty: Occup. Safety	

The following nature of suit codes have been created:

367 Personal Injury: Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability
375 Other Statutes: False Claims Act
448 Civil Rights: Education
560 Prisoner Petitions: Civil Detainee: Conditions of Confinement
751 Labor: Family and Medical Leave Act
896 Other Statutes: Arbitration
899 Other Statutes: Administrative Procedures Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision