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## **Electronic Case Filing Announcement, District of Minnesota**

The United States District Court of Minnesota is pleased to announce the implementation of Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF). This new system is part of a national roll-out by the Federal Judiciary and will ultimately affect all U.S. District Courts.

Court staff will be replacing its internal case management system in early 2004 and attorneys will be able to file electronically in 2004. Benefits of electronic filing include filing documents from the comfort of "home", reduction in copying fees, immediate electronic notification of case filings, on-line access to documents filed in most civil cases, and simultaneous access to court records.

Case Management/Electronic Case Filing requires only the following computer hardware/software features: a personal computer running a standard platform such as Windows or Macintosh, a word processor, an internet connection, a web browser and software that converts word processing documents into portable document format (PDF).

The court will offer both hands-on and web-based training in early 2004. Details regarding training will be available at a later date. To learn more about electronic filing, please visit our website at [www.mnd.uscourts.gov/cmecf](http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/cmecf). You can see and hear what other attorneys across the country have to say about CM/ECF by watching the short video "The Attorneys Perspective," read the frequently asked questions documented by other courts already using CM/ECF and link to other websites that may be helpful in learning more about this exciting new option. The court will be offering demonstrations of this new case filing option this fall. Dates and times will be posted on this website.