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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
District of Minnesota  
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## **Live Date for Electronic Case Filing in Federal Court**

The District of Minnesota is pleased to announce a live date of May 17, 2004, for Electronic Case Filing (ECF) for all civil and criminal filings. On this date, attorneys will begin filing their documents with the court from their office or home computer via the Internet. In making the announcement, Chief Judge James M. Rosenbaum states "The system is quite user-friendly, and allows 24 hour on-line access to files. The ability to post pleadings from your own computer and to receive immediate e-mail notification of case activity is a great benefit to the Bar and litigants. All Judges of this Court are in accord with the new standard way of doing business in Federal Court and look forward to attorney participation."

The ECF System was developed by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts in Washington D.C. The system requires a personal computer, a word processor, an Internet connection, a web browser, and software that converts word processing documents into portable document format (PDF). The Court went live internally on February 17, 2004, with all court-generated documents being posted on the system.

The District of Minnesota ECF Civil and Criminal Procedures Guides will be posted on the Court's website in April. They will address sealed procedures, courtesy copies, how to post motions and attachments, file size limits, technical failures, third party documents, and much more.

Please visit [www.mnd.uscourts.gov/cmecf](http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/cmecf) to learn more about ECF, including training dates and locations, obtaining a login and password, proposed local rule revisions, and frequently asked questions.

