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Increase to PDF Document File Size Limit in the Court's Electronic Case Management System (CM/ECF)

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota is making a change to the individual file size limit for PDF documents filed in the court's electronic case management system (CM/ECF) effective **May 1, 2009**. The current file size limit of 2.5 MB per document will be increased to 5 MB per document.

The file size limit for individual PDF documents electronically filed with the Court may affect both ECF registered attorneys who file documents in their cases, and members of the public who access court documents electronically through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system. In general, larger individual document file sizes will require longer download times for electronic remote access. This will apply to attorneys and others who access court documents through hyperlinks in Notices of Electronic Filing (NEFs), as well as PACER users accessing docket sheets and documents via the Internet.

The change will positively impact attorney e-filers by reducing the need to split large documents filed in CM/ECF, such as exhibits, into smaller PDF files. It will positively impact the public by reducing PACER fees for some documents, since there is a maximum page limit billing per document, and more pages may be available in some individual PDF documents. The change may negatively impact attorneys or PACER users who rely primarily on dial-up, rather than broadband, Internet access. Filing (uploading) and viewing (downloading) larger individual PDF documents may take significantly longer times over dial-up connections, while the change for high-speed, broadband connections may be much less noticeable.

Those lawyers or firms who are still using dial-up for their Internet access may want to consider upgrading their services prior to May 1, 2009.

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