

Below is information regarding the USBC -DE Clerk's Office and the reform legislation:

1. We will be shutting CM/ECF down at 11:59:59 PM on October 16, 2005. The system will be down for approximately 3 hours to install and configure the new version of CM/ECF to accommodate the new reform legislation. We plan to have CM/ECF back online by 3:00 AM on October 17. CM/ECF will be available all weekend without interruption for filing until 11:59:59 PM on October 16. All filings need to be complete (complete meaning the Notice of Electronic Filing has a date stamp prior to 10/16/2005, 11:59:59 PM) in order to have the old laws apply to the cases. If you are having problems e-filing over the weekend, please send an email to the email addresses below so someone can contact you. These email accounts will be monitored throughout this weekend. We need to have all cases entered into the system before the new version of CM/ECF is installed.
2. In light of the need to install and update software for the new reform legislation we are asking all ECF users settle their internet credit cards at the time the transaction is posted instead of waiting to settle your charges the next day. There are also new fees associated with the new legislation and the credit card charges need to be uploaded before the financial systems are updated.
3. In addition there are links to the Bankruptcy Reform page on our website to assist you with any questions regarding the new legislation. The technical help desk telephone number is: 302-252-2949 and the case administration help desk number is: 302-252-2887. You can also send an e-mail to the following addresses for e-mail assistance: helpdeskde@deb.uscourts.gov or debml_automation@deb.uscourts.gov.
4. The drop box in our building will be available for Pro Se filers that need to drop off petitions. The same rules apply to pro se filers, the petitions must be date stamped prior to 11:59:59 PM, October 16 to have the old laws applied to the cases.
5. With regard to the new legislation, the Certificate of Credit Counseling should be filed as a separate docket entry in ECF. It should not be filed in the same docket entry as the petition. This event can be found under Bankruptcy > Other > Certificate of Credit Counseling.
6. Please remember to update the petition software that your office uses to accommodate the new legislation. Law offices need to contact their vendors directly in order to receive the upgrade. New forms will be in effect on October 17, 2005. **Please use the new forms when filing on/after October 17, 2005.** There is a link from our website on the Reform Legislation section to the new forms.
7. Lastly, we will be launching the new website on October 17. The web address will remain the same, www.deb.uscourts.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Manley at 302-252-2550.