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A BRAVE NEW WORLD – CM/ECF CASE ADMINISTRATION EXPANDS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA!

A Message from the Clerk

Beginning in October 1997, the EDVA was one of five bankruptcy prototype courts for ECF. Many improvements to ECF have taken place since then including our upgrade to CM/ECF Version 1 in February 2001. CM/ECF is ready for the brave new world before us all! Now, four years later, we are moving forward with important changes in the way cases are administered in the EDVA.

On November 1, 2001, the Court entered Standing Order No. 01-6, which expands

CM/ECF bankruptcy case administration in the Eastern District of Virginia effective January 1, 2002. This standing order and its accompanying Administrative Procedures Exhibit have been posted physically at each division of the Court and also have been placed at the EDVA Internet and CM/ECF home pages. Other notices concerning changes in bankruptcy case administration likewise have been posted and placed in addition to notices that were [continued on page 2]



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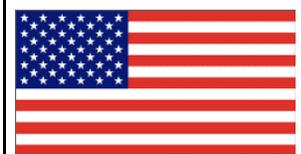


Effective January 1, 2002, the Clerk's Office discontinued providing copies of receipts for check and credit card transactions, but will provide copies for cash transactions. Registered users who receive the individual e-mail notification option may want to view/print a copy of any e-mail that includes receipt information. Registered and non-registered users who elect to receive the summary e-mail notification option may view/print receipt information through the Docket Activity Report button on the EDVA CM/ECF home page <http://www.vaeb.uscourts.gov/ecfnew/ecf.htm>. The report covers all docket activity for the immediately preceding seven calendar-day period. To access this report: select the appropriate division and day and simultaneously press the "Ctrl" key and the "F" key and enter your search criteria in the window. Entering a case number will list all docket entries in that case on the selected day, including fee payments. A "Search" using words such as "receipt" or the party name will highlight those words on the report. The Docket Activity Report and search feature also will enable users, free of charge, to verify their daily filings and obtain Section 341 meeting information.

An alternative method for registered users to view/print receipt information is to log into CM/ECF, go to "Query" or "Reports" and log into PACER. Select "Docket Report" and check the box that says, "include links to Notice of Electronic Filing." When the docket report displays, click on the bullet next to the event number. At the next screen, press the "Display Receipt" bar. (The PACER fee of 7 cents per page will be incurred when this option is selected.)

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sent to the EDVA Bar via the Bankruptcy Noticing Center.

Also, CM/ECF seminars and mini-fairs were held in the EDVA in early November 2001 for the EDVA Bar and others. [See an article on these seminars and mini-fairs on page 4 of this issue of the CM/ECF Newsletter.]

The NIBS case management system will be discontinued for administering new petition filings on and after January 1, 2002. Early in 2002, NIBS docket data will be converted to the Case Management (CM) component of the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) System. These changes will enable the Court to place full emphasis on using the CM/ECF System exclusively to produce complete electronic case files.

Existing NIBS cases, which are filed prior to January 1, 2002, will continue to be administered solely by paper filings, through closing, except as required by LBR 1007-1(I). *Pro se* parties and parties not represented by attorneys will continue to make filings by paper in these cases. Even when docket data administered in

** When filing a document by disk, Portable Document Format (PDF) is preferred. If a party cannot comply with this requirement, the party must submit a document on a disk in Word, WordPerfect or DOS text (ASCII). Effective on and after November 1, 2001, the Clerk's Office no longer provides parties with returned or substituted disks. (Effective on and after October 1, 2001, the Clerk's Office also no longer opens infected diskettes.) Daily, the Clerk's Office receives virus- and worm-laden disks from filers. While the Clerk's Office checks these disks for virus and worm infection, there's no assurance that filers' disks would be cleansed of infections. The new procedure also ensures that filers will not receive infected disks from the Clerk's Office.*

NIBS converts from NIBS to CM of CM/ECF, these former NIBS cases will continue to be administered through paper filings. A "bright line" automatically will be created to readily distinguish NIBS cases from CM/ECF cases as the last petition administered in NIBS is filed at the close of business on Monday, December 31, 2001.

All cases filed on and after January 1, 2002, by attorneys representing parties, must be in the CM/ECF System either via the Internet or submitted on 3.5-inch computer diskettes (disks) in specified formats. *

If an attorney certifies that he or she is unable to access the equipment necessary to comply with the option of submitting filings by disk, the attorney may request a waiver from filing by disk and be permitted to file by paper. *Pro se* parties will be permitted to make filings in paper. Filings received in paper will be scanned into the EDVA database by the Clerk's Office. During this transition period, the Court will move towards providing the Bar and public with a complete electronic case record, and its benefits, in all cases and adversary proceedings filed with the Clerk's Office. This objective will be achieved over a reasonable period of time while ensuring access to the Court by the Bar and public. **

*** The need to ensure public access to papers filed in cases and dockets of the Court, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 107 is of paramount importance. This affirmative statutory requirement contemplates that the Court will maintain the integrity and safety of those papers and documents especially when natural or human-created emergencies require the implementation of the Court's public record protection measures. The transition to complete electronic case records, through CM/ECF, significantly enhances the Court's ability to meet its public service mission.*

Please Remember To... (Gentle Reminders)



- Whether you are filing a document or adding creditors to a case, please be sure to **proofread** the case number you have entered before submitting to verify you are filing the document/creditors to the correct case! Failure to verify the case number accuracy before submitting documents in CM/ECF can cause serious problems for you and your client, especially if the filing relates to compliance of a local rule dismissal deadline! If you verify **AFTER** the submission that the submission was made to the wrong case, please call the ECF Help Desk immediately.
- A registered CM/ECF attorney user **may not** electronically file a petition/document for a non-registered attorney. The attorney of record in a CM/ECF electronic transmission is the attorney whose login and password were used. As set forth in the Administrative Procedures and as agreed to by their signature on the Registration Form for full participation in the CM/ECF System, registered users agree that the password assigned to them constitutes their signature. Their login and password for filing via the Internet shall be used exclusively by them and any of their employees to whom they give authorization. Registered users also have agreed to receive service of documents and any docket activity electronically in any case in which their login appears. Therefore, the court looks to the registered attorney who submits the filing as the attorney of record, irrespective of whose name may appear on the petition or document being submitted electronically.
- A petition/document never should be electronically filed before the actual document has been physically signed by the respective parties. Pursuant to the Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing, Retaining and Verification of Pleadings and Papers in CM/ECF System, Exhibit to Standing Order 01-6, all filings must contain original signatures and an attorney shall indicate the signature on the electronic version of the petition/document by a /s/Jane Doe, followed by the filer's typewritten name. In addition, filers are reminded that the originally executed version of the petition/document must be retained by the filer until three (3) years after the closing of the case unless the Court orders a different period.
- With no new petitions being administered in NIBS on and after January 1, 2002, there is a need to keep track of case numbers assigned to NIBS cases that are filed before January 1. After the conversion of NIBS docket data early in 2002, NIBS cases will continue to be administered conventionally even after the docket data converts to CM of CM/ECF. Keeping track of NIBS and CM/ECF case numbers is easy. Case numbers in cases assigned to NIBS are distinctive. Following the two-digit calendar-year-of-filing prefix, NIBS case numbers begin with a "1", "2", "3" or "4" (example 01-20001-DOT). Thus, NIBS cases with case numbers beginning with any of the above identified four numbers, and which include a double-digit calendar-year-of-filing prior to calendar year "02", are and will remain, through closing, conventional "paper" filings. Note that there are a few exceptions, such as the Heilig Meyers case, which retain the original NIBS case number after conversion to CM/ECF.



EDVA ECF Seminars and Mini-Fairs A Huge Success!

A Message from the Clerk

The Clerk's Office held ECF seminars and mini-fairs in the EDVA in Richmond on November 7, in Alexandria on November 8 and in Norfolk on November 9. (Visitors from the Administrative Office, the Federal Judicial Center, the Maryland Bankruptcy Court and D.C. Bankruptcy Court also attended the Alexandria session.) The purpose of holding these sessions was to provide ECF users and others with an interest in becoming ECF users with useful information on the changes that will occur in bankruptcy case administration in 2002. The seminars and mini-fairs were a resounding success. A total of 456 persons attended these three sessions! I want to extend my personal thanks to Dick Napoli, Renee Paxton-Mitchell, Barry Wells, Noreen Brown, Pat Nunnally, Peggy Grivetti, Steve Kopacki, Chuck Miller, Sandra Heagle, Michael Johnson, Debbie Lowe, Caroline Bradley, Kathy Dragg, Elevyn Flowers, Delores Jones and Pat Woodhouse of the Clerk's Office who made the seminars and mini-fairs a great success! I also want to express my thanks to Judge Mitchell for his willingness to prepare and make a video for presentation at the Richmond and Norfolk sessions (and for making a personal presentation at the Alexandria session). My thanks also to the attorneys and others (including Judge Mayer in Alexandria and Judge St. John in Norfolk) who presented their comments and answered questions at the panel discussions. The Bankruptcy Section of the Bar Association of the City of Richmond, the Northern Virginia Bankruptcy Bar Association and the Tidewater Bankruptcy Bar Association cosponsored these seminars and mini-fairs. My thanks to their leadership and membership for partnering with us!



Pictured above (*left to right*), (1) Dick Napoli and Michael Berney (FJC); (2) Pat Woodhouse, Bill Redden and Steve Kopacki; and, (3) Alexandria Panel Discussion Members. And, below (*left to right*), (1) Judge Mayer with seminar participants; (2) Judge St. John & Steve Kopacki with Norfolk Panel Discussion Members; and (3) Seminar participants in Alexandria.



New Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing Page to EDVA Web Site

A new Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (EBN) home page has been created and now can be accessed at the EDVA Internet home page and at the CM/ECF home page. Along with other bankruptcy courts and in conjunction with the Administrative Office and the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC), the EDVA is making available advanced systems technology for preparing, producing and sending certain computer generated notices, which can be transmitted to notice recipients in one of three ways: (a) Internet e-mail – for recipients who want the speed and convenience of receiving notices online; (b) Fax – for recipients who don't want to set up an Internet e-mail account for this purpose; or (c) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) – for high-volume recipients who want to automatically process data using computer database-to-computer database data transfers. EBN recipients will receive notices faster since notices will be transmitted electronically from the BNC directly and not through the U.S. Postal Service. These recipients will be able to reduce their processing expenses by replacing manual processing with automated procedures. They also will be able to receive technical support from the BNC. For the Clerk's Office, encouraging persons to receive BNC-generated notices will move them away from receiving paper in the mail and hopefully will help them to become more comfortable in an increasingly electronically oriented workplace environment. For the judiciary, the costs attendant to using the U.S. Postal Service in mailing BNC-generated notices will decrease.

National CM/ECF Implementation Status for Bankruptcy Courts

The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) periodically updates and publishes a national CM/ECF implementation status schedule for bankruptcy courts. Appended to page 8 of this issue of the *CM/ECF Newsletter* is the latest schedule issued by the AO. CM/ECF implementation currently is underway in 53 bankruptcy courts with CM/ECF being operational in 15 of those courts including the EDVA. In the Fourth Circuit, bankruptcy court implementation of CM/ECF is or shortly will be underway in the District of Maryland, the Eastern District of North Carolina, the Middle District of North Carolina, the Western District of North Carolina and the Northern District of West Virginia.

Proposed Orders for ECF Cases

When submitting proposed orders on diskettes, please submit them in either Word or WordPerfect format. The Clerk's Office prefers Word format, but will accept WordPerfect format. As with other ECF documents, remember to indicate any signatures/endorsements using the "/s/ Name" format.

ECF Statistics Do Tell a Story

The history of ECF petition filings are included in this issue of the *CM/ECF Newsletter*. The two statistical charts on pages 9 and 10 summarize ECF filing activity by Division and District from July, 1999 through December, 2001.

These reports show the growth of ECF usage from its prototype stage to the current Version 1 product. Since all new petitions will now be administered in the CM/ECF system, these are the final reports of this kind. Our thanks to all the users who participated in the development of ECF and contributed to the creation of a new electronic record system!



New Court Calendar Home Page to EDVA Web Site

A new Court calendar home page has been created and now can be accessed at the EDVA Internet home page! Links to the electronic court calendars for Chief Judge Tice, Judge Adams, Judge Mitchell, Judge St. John and Judge Mayer have been activated. These links allow the Bar and public to view remotely updated court calendars of trials and hearings for our Judges. While these links are not a substitute for attorneys maintaining their own trial and hearing schedules, it is being provided as a service to the Bar and public.



Attorneys Trained



ALEXANDRIA

September:

Christopher Moffitt
Mitchell Weitzman
Lawrence Anderson
Jon D. Pels

October:

Adam Spence
Tammy Drescher
K. Stewart Evans, Jr.
Jeffrey Tibbals
Brain J. Petetti
Mark Madigan
Kevin O'Donnell
Bruce Henry
Brian Madden
Russell Adams, III
Perry Thompson
Vernon Evans
James Sheets
Daniel Burke
Steve Ramsdell

November:

Gregory Van Doren
David Young
James Towarnicky
Edward Gonzalez
Nancy Martin
Spencer Young
Frederick H. Kruck Jr.
Stephanie Wickouski
Arhey Stein
Gregory Britto
Randa Azzam
John Sawyer
Jeffrey Kleger
Gloria Calonge
Ann Schmitt
Robert Marino
Debra Pearson
Robert Easterling

James Clarke
Mariam Ebrahimi
Bernard Simbole
Stephen Gold
Chris Yum
Priscilla Bornmann
Douglas McKinley
Lawrence Brooke
Thomas Plofchan, Jr.
Rachel Virk
Charles Roberts
L. Allison McKeel
Christopher Day
Christopher James
Bobby Altman
Ronald Stern
David Page

December:

Jeffrey S. Romanick
Andrew Bury, Jr.
Paul McGlone
George Moran
David C. Jones, Jr.
David E. Jones
Carol Hill
J. David Folds
Jeffrey Tarkenton
Janis Orfe
Janet Nesse
Carrie Mc Guire
Darrell Clark
Lawrence Simpson
Alan Rosenblum
Peter Williams
Gregory Wade

Mark Orndorff
Michael Kim
Robert Walker
H. Bradley Evans
Jeffrey Silverstein
Kevin McCarthy
Craig E. Baumann
Lawrence Block
Anthony Weeks

RICHMOND

September:

Iiya Berenshteyn
Walter Ragland

October:

Steven Mintz
James Kane
Robert Barlow
George Parrish
Richard Pledger

November:

Stefan Cametas
Becky Miner
Hayward Taylor
G. Russell Boleman
Jae K. Stuart
Thomas Gays
William Deeley
David J. Karp
Yvonne Cochran
Shelley Richardson

Corine Bailey
Dale Adams
Robert Brow
Joseph Sheerin
Sarah Boehm
Jenny Barone
Robert McEntee
Gerald Carter
Andrew Buxbaum
Ellen Ray

December:

Rudolph McCollum
Virginia Perry
Brad Butterworth
Sharon Horner
Kimbell Harvey
Michael Riedel
Kenneth Mergenthal
Peyton Chichester
Fred Dixon
Halford Hayes

Scott Pickus
Herbert Jones
Lee Artz
Bruce Clark
Randy Masters
Lenora Solodar
David Noll
Richard Oulton
William Roberts

NORFOLK/NEWPORT NEWS

<i>September:</i>	LaRhonda Carter	Joseph Myers	Heather Crook
	Mary Donahue	Diane Setton	John McLemore
Paul Campsen	Jeffrey Flax	Ed Halloran	John Ambler
Dennis Lewandowski	Rose Finan	Megan Burns	W. Thurston Harville
Ellsworth Summers	William Buyrn	Alex Stiles	Leonard Zagurskie
Joseph Hood	Bart Tuthill	Gary Searcy	Charles Johnson
	Francis Hampton	Holly Lane	William Johnson
<i>October:</i>	Richard Buyrn	Lynn Perkinson	John Lumpkin
	John Bedi	Kim Lewis	
Chip Goldstein	David Mettler	Nathaniel Webb	
Peter McBride	Lesa Henderson	W. Greer McCreedy	
Kim Holt	Beth Shapiro	Michael Ricks	
George Talbot	Thomas Hennessy	Donald Spitzli	
Starr Yoder	Grady Palmer	Ken Ellis	
Richard Harman	M. Richard Epps	Jim Cromwell	
	Philip Boone	Carl La Mondue	
<i>November:</i>		Michael Piluso	
	<i>December:</i>	Jacqueline Hoskins	
Vickie Humphries		G. Anthony Yancey	
Leslie Robinson	Deborah Casey	Steven Letourneau	
B. Cullen Gibson	Bryant McGann	Lorin Hay	
Juanita Merritt	Michael Cotter	Barbara Mason	

ECF Training



<u>Division</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Times</u>
RICHMOND Contact: Delores Jones (804) 916-2435	Room 203 (Training Room) of the Powell U.S. Courthouse Building	9:00a.m.—1:00p.m.
ALEXANDRIA Contact: Evelyn Flowers (703) 258-1225 Contact: Kathy Dragg (703) 258-1211	Training Room at the Bankruptcy Court	9:30a.m.—1:00p.m.
NORFOLK/ NEWPORT NEWS Contact: Caroline Bradley (757) 222-7574 Contact: Pat Woodhouse (757) 222-7575	Clerk's Office Room 400	9:30a.m.—1:00p.m.

CM/ECF Implementation Schedule for Bankruptcy Courts

Courts Currently Operational on CM/ECF (15)

Alaska	New York Southern
Arizona	North Carolina Western
California Southern	Ohio Northern
Delaware	Texas Western
Georgia Northern	Utah
Louisiana Middle	Virginia Eastern
Maine	Washington Western
Missouri Western	



Courts in the Process of Implementing CM/ECF (38)

Alabama Middle	Maryland	South Carolina
Alabama Southern	Mississippi Northern	South Dakota
Arkansas	Montana	Tennessee Middle
District of Columbia	Nebraska	Texas Eastern
Georgia Middle	New Hampshire	Texas Southern
Illinois Southern	New Jersey	Vermont
Indiana Northern	New York Eastern	West Virginia Northern
Iowa Northern	New York Northern	Wisconsin Eastern
Iowa Southern	Ohio Southern	Wisconsin Western
Kentucky Eastern	Oregon	Wyoming
Kentucky Western	Pennsylvania Eastern	
Louisiana Eastern	Pennsylvania Middle	
Louisiana Western	Pennsylvania Western	

Courts Beginning Implementation Process over the Next Six Months (18)

California Northern	New Mexico
Connecticut	New York Western
Florida Middle	North Carolina Eastern
Hawaii	North Carolina Middle
Illinois Northern	Oklahoma Eastern
Kansas	Rhode Island
Massachusetts	Tennessee Western
Michigan Western	Texas Northern
Missouri Eastern	West Virginia Southern

**United States Bankruptcy Court
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Final Electronic Case Filings (ECF) By Division
July 1999 - December 2001**

1999	Alexandria			Richmond			Norfolk			Newport News			District Totals		
	Petitions Filed	ECF Cases	% ECF	Petitions Filed	ECF Cases	% ECF	Petitions Filed	ECF Cases	% ECF	Petitions Filed	ECF Cases	% ECF	Petitions Filed	ECF Cases	% ECF
Jul	635	101	15.9%	690	31	4.5%	696	78	11.2%	289	18	6.2%	2,310	228	9.9%
Aug	585	103	17.6%	776	54	7.0%	662	101	15.3%	220	219	99.5%	2,243	447	19.9%
Sep	636	114	17.9%	717	38	5.3%	642	119	18.5%	234	233	99.6%	2,229	504	22.6%
Oct	569	91	16.0%	772	65	8.4%	581	105	18.1%	280	280	100.0%	2,202	541	24.6%
Nov	610	108	17.7%	700	63	9.0%	675	137	20.3%	247	246	99.6%	2,232	554	24.8%
Dec	597	120	20.1%	723	52	7.2%	690	160	23.2%	248	247	99.6%	2,258	579	25.6%
6 Mos. Totals	3,632	637	17.5%	4,378	303	6.9%	3,946	700	17.7%	1,518	1,243	81.9%	13,474	2,853	21.2%
2000	Alexandria			Richmond			Norfolk			Newport News			District Totals		
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Jan	429	92	21.4%	564	51	9.0%	552	157	28.4%	191	189	99.0%	1,736	489	28.2%
Feb	625	98	15.7%	810	106	13.1%	670	157	23.4%	288	288	100.0%	2,393	649	27.1%
Mar	729	127	17.4%	918	118	12.9%	783	209	26.7%	324	323	99.7%	2,754	777	28.2%
Apr	587	105	17.9%	667	126	18.9%	673	158	23.5%	265	263	99.2%	2,192	652	29.7%
May	654	127	19.4%	713	103	14.4%	727	188	25.9%	312	312	100.0%	2,406	730	30.3%
Jun	581	145	25.0%	717	151	21.1%	678	235	34.7%	306	306	100.0%	2,282	837	36.7%
Jul	491	120	24.4%	619	110	17.8%	529	157	29.7%	254	251	98.8%	1,893	638	33.7%
Aug	542	128	23.6%	746	163	21.8%	720	251	34.9%	262	262	100.0%	2,270	804	35.4%
Sep	504	118	23.4%	609	145	23.8%	595	222	37.3%	266	266	100.0%	1,974	751	38.0%
Oct	504	123	24.4%	689	152	22.1%	721	253	35.1%	311	311	100.0%	2,225	839	37.7%
Nov	517	117	22.6%	647	141	21.8%	652	289	44.3%	234	234	100.0%	2,050	781	38.1%
Dec	464	119	25.6%	599	135	22.5%	610	244	40.0%	227	227	100.0%	1,900	725	38.2%
YTD Totals	6,627	1,419	21.4%	8,298	1,501	18.1%	7,910	2,520	31.9%	3,240	3,232	99.8%	26,075	8,672	33.3%
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Jan	474	113	23.8%	752	171	22.7%	640	263	41.1%	242	242	100.0%	2,108	789	37.4%
Feb	559	117	20.9%	817	164	20.1%	742	295	39.8%	282	282	100.0%	2,400	858	35.8%
Mar	806	166	20.6%	1,012	234	23.1%	878	402	45.8%	366	360	98.4%	3,062	1,162	37.9%
Apr	646	150	23.2%	873	197	22.6%	739	383	51.8%	329	329	100.0%	2,587	1,059	40.9%
May	581	138	23.8%	825	178	21.6%	743	416	56.0%	317	317	100.0%	2,466	1,049	42.5%
Jun	512	121	23.6%	832	170	20.4%	665	360	54.1%	326	326	100.0%	2,335	977	41.8%
Jul	484	134	27.7%	816	190	23.3%	642	336	52.3%	297	297	100.0%	2,239	957	42.7%
Aug	548	160	29.2%	910	189	20.8%	783	455	58.1%	286	286	100.0%	2,527	1,090	43.1%
Sep	479	160	33.4%	729	180	24.7%	612	361	59.0%	265	265	100.0%	2,085	966	46.3%
Oct	548	167	30.5%	884	175	19.8%	774	468	60.5%	307	307	100.0%	2,513	1,117	44.4%
Nov	553	176	31.8%	851	263	30.9%	694	427	61.5%	307	307	100.0%	2,405	1,173	48.8%
Dec	602	179	29.7%	861	339	39.4%	658	355	54.0%	267	267	100.0%	2,388	1,140	47.7%
YTD Totals	6,792	1,781	26.2%	10,162	2,450	24.1%	8,570	4,521	52.8%	3,591	3,585	99.8%	29,115	12,337	42.4%

Note: Commencing January 1, 2002, all petition filings will be ECF cases.

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Aug	17.6%	7.0%	15.3%	99.5%	19.9%
Sep	17.9%	5.3%	18.5%	99.6%	22.6%
Oct	16.0%	8.4%	18.1%	100.0%	24.6%
Nov	17.7%	9.0%	20.3%	99.6%	24.8%
Dec	20.1%	7.2%	23.2%	99.6%	25.6%
6 Mos. Totals	17.5%	6.9%	17.7%	81.9%	21.2%
2000	Alexandria	Richmond	Norfolk	Newport News	District Totals
	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF
Jan	21.4%	9.0%	28.4%	99.0%	28.2%
Feb	15.7%	13.1%	23.4%	100.0%	27.1%
Mar	17.4%	12.9%	26.7%	99.7%	28.2%
Apr	17.9%	18.9%	23.5%	99.2%	29.7%
May	19.4%	14.4%	25.9%	100.0%	30.3%
Jun	25.0%	21.1%	34.7%	100.0%	36.7%
Jul	24.4%	17.8%	29.7%	98.8%	33.7%
Aug	23.6%	21.8%	34.9%	100.0%	35.4%
Sep	23.4%	23.8%	37.3%	100.0%	38.0%
Oct	24.4%	22.1%	35.1%	100.0%	37.7%
Nov	22.6%	21.8%	44.3%	100.0%	38.1%
Dec	25.6%	22.5%	40.0%	100.0%	38.2%
YTD Totals	21.4%	18.1%	31.9%	99.8%	33.3%
2001	Alexandria	Richmond	Norfolk	Newport News	District Totals
	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF	% ECF
Jan	23.8%	22.7%	41.1%	100.0%	37.4%
Feb	20.9%	20.1%	39.8%	100.0%	35.8%
Mar	20.6%	23.1%	45.8%	98.4%	37.9%
Apr	23.2%	22.6%	51.8%	100.0%	40.9%
May	23.8%	21.6%	56.0%	100.0%	42.5%
Jun	23.6%	20.4%	54.1%	100.0%	41.8%
Jul	27.7%	23.3%	52.3%	100.0%	42.7%
Aug	29.2%	20.8%	58.1%	100.0%	43.1%
Sep	33.4%	24.7%	59.0%	100.0%	43.6%
Oct	30.5%	19.8%	60.5%	100.0%	44.4%
Nov	31.8%	30.9%	61.5%	100.0%	48.8%
Dec	29.7%	39.4%	54.0%	100.0%	47.7%
YTD Totals	26.2%	24.1%	52.8%	99.8%	42.4%

Note: In 2000, 26,075 petitions were filed for the Eastern District, of which 8,672 or 33.3% were ECF cases. In 2001, ECF filings increased to 42.4% for all bankruptcy petitions. Commencing January 1, 2002, all petition filings will be ECF cases.