## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

## NOTICE TO THE BAR

## AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTRONIC CASE FILING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Notice is hereby given to the Bar and all interested parties that the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey has Amended the Electronic Case Filing Policies and Procedures governing the Electronic Case Filing System ("ECF Procedures") effective **September 1, 2008.** 

The full text of the amendments and a red-line version of the amendments may be obtained from the Court's web site @ www.njd.uscourts.gov under the headings Notice to the Bar and What's New.

Summary of the substantive changes appear below:

<u>Section 4. Eligibility, Registration, Passwords</u> Attorneys including <u>pro hac</u> attorneys, are required to modify their contact information by accessing the ECF System.

**Section 10(c). Sealed Documents** Sexually explicit material(s) was added and must be temporarily filed under seal.

Section 11(b)(1). Exceptions to Electronic Filing Sexually explicit material(s) also falls under "Mandatory Exceptions." The Administrative Records in Social Security matters were excluded from the ECF System and now can be electronically filed.

<u>Section 11(b)(2)</u>. <u>Exceptions to Electronic Filing</u> Effective November 1, 2008, transcripts of court proceedings by Official Court Reporters or Recordings System of court proceedings will be filed on the CM/ECF System and available by remote public access.

<u>Section 12(c). Multiple Signatures</u> This provision was added at the request of the bar, to allow multiple signatures to documents such as stipulations, consent orders, etc., by permitting "<u>s/</u>" block be substituted for the attorney signatures.

<u>Section 17. Sensitive Information</u> Redacting Personal Identifier(s) was changed to show that the prior text of this section was codified in Federal Rule Civil Procedure 5.2(a) and Federal Rule Criminal Procedure 49.1, effective December 1, 2007.