

CHECKLIST FOR E-FILINGS

WORD DOCUMENT (before you save your word document to PDF format)

- 1) There is an "s/ (typed attorney's name)" with the attorney's name typed on the signature line
- 2) There is a completed certificate of service (signature s/ John doe), dated etc.)
- 3) If filing a "joint" pleading and you are signing on behalf of another attorney, it must state "w/ permission" on the signature line for that attorney
- 4) If you are filing a motion, a separate "proposed order" must be prepared and added as an attachment.
NOTE- the proposed order should NOT have a signature block for the Judge

PDF DOCUMENTS

- 1) If the main document is created with a word application, **it must be converted** to PDF format using conversion software instead of printed/scanned to PDF format
- 2) If document contains hyperlink from citation, cross-document or document filed within document, you **must publish to PDF**. (Refer to Version 3.1 Release Notes) **NOTE: Creating hyperlinks within documents filed in our Court is limited to case law and other CM/ECF documents ONLY. Linking to outside web sites is strictly prohibited.**
- 3) The main pleading is a separate PDF document from any attachments. Any memorandum, exhibit or proposed order must be saved as its own individual PDF to be filed as an attachment to the main document
- 4) Verify that there are no missing pages. All pages are in order and right side up (including any and all attachments)
- 5) Verify that ALL PAGES are legible (the main document as well as any and all attachments)
- 6) Verify the file size of any PDF you intend to upload has not exceeded the maximum file size of 5.0MB. If you find a PDF has a file size in excess of 5.0MB, the PDF must be broken down into individual parts.

ELECTRONICALLY FILING THE PLEADING

- 1) The attorney's name on the s/ signature line **MUST** match the name of the attorney logged into ECF
- 2) Ensure that you are filing in the correct case (check the case number/caption at the top of the screen)
- 3) Choose the most accurate event (e.g.: filing a response to a motion, choose the event "response to motion", not the event "response")
- 4) If your motion requests multiple reliefs, you **MUST** select each relief when filing the motion.
- 5) **Verify every PDF document by opening it up and viewing it in its entirety at the "Browse" screen prior to uploading into ECF**
- 6) All attachments must be filed individually and separately from one another (this includes a proposed order)
- 7) All attachments must be appropriately described in a clear and concise matter (you may NOT simply name attachments: Exhibit A or Exhibit B." An appropriate description is "Exhibit A- Affidavit of John Doe")
- 8) When filing a "motion for leave to file a document," the subject document is to be filed as an electronic attachment to the motion, NOT as a separate entry
- 9) If given the opportunity to create a link to an existing entry, do so when appropriate
- 10) Use the optional text box, when given the opportunity to further describe your pleading. Rule of thumb: the docket text should accurately reflect the title of the pleading being filed
- 11) If using the optional text box, make certain that the information added should not be it's own separate entry
- 12) If filing a "response to motion" and a "motion" together in the same pleading, the entry will have to be filed twice. File once as the "response to motion" and the second time as a "motion." This applies to answers, responses to motions and replies to responses to motions