



United States Bankruptcy Court - Northern District of Alabama

Court Newsletter

Upgrade to CM/ECF Release 5.0

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The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama will upgrade to Release 5.0 on Tuesday, August 14, 2012. This newsletter provides an overview of Release 5.0's new features.

Party/Attorney Associations

Previously, when an attorney filed a document in a case in which he or she was not already involved, the user was prompted to indicate whether the attorney should be linked to the party in the case. The default behavior was not to link the attorney; now, the association is made unless the user deselects the check box that indicates an association.

Docket Report

Additional dates and deadlines now display on the docket report. Newly displayed dates on the public docket report include the following: 341 meeting; deadline for filing claims; deadline for filing claims (govt); plan confirmation; 523 and 727 complaint deadline; and financial management course deadline in Chapter 7 cases. If there are claims in a case, a link to the Claims Register is displayed.

Multiple SSNs or ITINs

Up to five identification numbers may be entered for the debtor and joint debtor.

Cases Report

Split, Transferred, and Reopened dates have been added to the cases report selection screen. A "Show More Options" link appears which expands the screen to display all possible selection criteria. In addition to other reports, a new option allows users to search for cases without a confirmed plan that were filed within a date range.

Reports

Users can now view page counts for each PDF document on the report output.

Query

The following fields have been added to the main search screen: Case Status (Open, Closed, Both); Filed Date; Last Entry Date; Nature of Suit.

Docketing

In Release 5.0, the pick list will display only attorneys for active parties.

PACER

The utilities menu contains an option that returns the user to the PACER Service Center links page. This feature will save PACER users time when navigating to other courts or the PACER Case Locator. A selection criteria of "time range" has been added to the docket activity report so PACER users may search for activity using both date range and time range.

Claims

The "View multiple documents" options is now available in the Claims Register.

Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing

Previously, if a case converted and re-converted, the Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing query screen reflected the converted chapter rather than the original chapter. Now, the original chapter is saved permanently to ensure accuracy on the Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing screen and the 341 Notice for cases filed after Release 5.0 is installed.

Calendar Reports

The hearing type selections have been changed so that the 341 meetings may be excluded from the "all hearings" option if desired. This change applies to all reports that allow a hearing type selection.

For more details regarding all features in Release 5.0, see the Summary for External Users.

If you have any questions, please e-mail us at ecftrain@alnb.uscourts.gov