

# Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) Improvements with CM/ECF Release 4.1

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Release 4.1 will support several additional noticing-related improvements provided by the courts' Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) contractor.

## 1. BNC Certificate of Notice

In Release 4.1, when a document is being noticed to recipients through the BNC and through CM/ECF Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF), viewers will no longer have to look in two locations to determine who was noticed. The BNC Certificate of Notice will reflect both BNC and CM/ECF NEF recipients. Information regarding who was noticed by NEF, and when they were noticed, will be appended to the BNC Certificate of Notice.

## 2. Emailed Bypass Notice to Debtors' Attorneys

The court uses the BNC to mail notices, but the BNC can only do so if an address is valid. If an address is not valid, the United States Postal Service (USPS) treats this as sending mail to an undeliverable address. The BNC bypasses notices with undeliverable addresses from printing and mailing.

The BNC sends notification to the debtor's attorney or *pro se* debtor when a notice to an intended recipient on the mailing list is bypassed.

Currently, you receive printed and mailed BNC bypass notices associated with the court's issuance of the 341 notice. The improvement provided with CM/ECF Release 4.1 will result in notification to your primary email address on file with the court of undeliverable addresses for all notices transmitted by the BNC. You will no longer receive paper bypass notices mailed by the BNC.

## 3. Emailing 341 Notices to Debtors' Attorneys

Currently, the debtor's attorney receives the 341 notice by Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) with the debtor's redacted Social Security Number (SSN) and by U.S. Mail through the BNC with the debtor's full SSN. The improvement provided with CM/ECF Release 4.1 will allow the BNC to send the debtor's attorney an email containing a secure hyperlink to the 341 notice with the debtor's full SSN in place of sending a paper notice. The BNC will send one summary email per day containing hyperlinks to one or more notices. Each hyperlink provides one free look to the full notice. You will no longer receive the paper 341 notice from the BNC.

**Note: It is very important to keep your email addresses up-to-date in CM/ECF.**