

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA**

**General Order 2003-1
Regarding this Court's Conversion to CM/ECF**

Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 5005(a)(2), 9029 and 9036 authorize this Court to establish practices and procedures for the filing, signing, maintaining and verification of pleadings and other papers by electronic means. As of August 4, 2003, this Court will have converted its current case management system to Case Management/Electronic Case Files ("CM/ECF"), a national case management and electronic filing system that is being implemented in federal courts throughout the country. The conversion to the new system entails major changes from current practices and procedures.

It is therefore ORDERED that:

(1) Effective **immediately** all attorneys appearing in cases and adversary proceedings in this Court shall cease filing any pleading or other document through CourtWatch.

(2) Effective **August 4, 2003** attorneys registered and certified to file under this Court's ECF system may begin to file their pleadings and other documents through that system.

(3) Effective **February 8, 2004** all attorneys appearing in cases and adversary proceedings in this Court shall file their pleadings and other documents using this Court's ECF System.

(4) Effective **August 4, 2003** this Court's current local rules are abolished. Attorneys and pro se parties shall consult the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Part 3 of this Court's CM/ECF User's Guide for guidance regarding filing and service requirements. Electronic filers should also review the ECF Administrative Procedures and Parts 1 and 2 of the User's Guide.

(5) The Clerk of Court shall post and maintain current and relevant materials related to the above matters on the Court's Web site found at www.iasb.uscourts.gov.

Date of Order: August 1, 2003

/s/ Lee M. Jackwig
Lee M. Jackwig
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

/s/ Russell J. Hill
Russell J. Hill
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge