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Dear Member of the Bankruptcy Bar:

On December 1, we went "live" on the Case Management piece of our new Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system ("CM/ECF"). Anything filed on or after that date has been docketed in CM/ECF. This could affect you in a couple of different ways.

First, debtors' attorneys must now prepare their mailing lists of creditors in a slightly different format. For specifics, please refer to the "Important Notice" that was faxed to members of the bankruptcy bar on December 4, copies of which are available at our intake counters in Sioux Falls and Pierre and may also be downloaded from our web page at <http://www.sdb.uscourts.gov/NewItems.htm>. Nonconforming mailing lists cause a great deal of trouble for my deputies, so we would appreciate your paying close attention to the new guidelines.

Second, we have converted all our docket information from BANCAP to CM/ECF and are no longer updating the docket information in BANCAP or WebPACER. You will therefore need to access CM/ECF (you can view docket information and images in CM/ECF, using your PACER login and password, without signing up for ECF) for up-to-date docket information. However, we have not yet converted all our pre-December 1 images to the format required for CM/ECF. This means that many of those pre-December 1 images are not yet available in CM/ECF (although they will continue to be available in WebPACER until they are converted). Until all our images have been converted, we recommend that you first go to CM/ECF and then go to WebPACER only if the image you need is not available in CM/ECF. Hopefully, it will not be long before WebPACER can be discontinued. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience. For additional information, please refer to the notices scattered throughout our web page (*see, e.g.*, <http://www.sdb.uscourts.gov/Caselnformation/CMECF.htm>).

On the ECF training front, my deputies have requested additional time to familiarize themselves with the inner workings of CM/ECF before we begin training other users. For their comfort (and my personal safety), I have agreed to their request. We will therefore begin attorney training in March instead of January. To date, 26 attorneys have volunteered for this training. Because it is unlikely that we will be able to train that many attorneys "on site," at least in March, we will be deciding how many we can train and contacting everyone who has volunteered in late January or early February to discuss possible training dates.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Nail, Jr.

October 23, 2001

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