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Free Electronic Court Noticing Now Available for Debtors through the Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (DeBN) Program

Beginning Monday, February 23, 2015, any debtor in bankruptcy can request to receive court notices and orders by email rather than by U.S. mail. This new free program is called Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (DeBN). *Service requirements for other parties in a bankruptcy case on the debtor do not change with DeBN.*

Debtors can enroll at any time, and the program is available to all debtors with an open bankruptcy case.

DeBN Offers Debtors a Number of Advantages:

- Debtors receive court notices and orders (e.g., meeting of creditors notice, deficiency notices, notices of hearing, orders on motions and order of discharge, etc.) by email the same day they are entered by the Court.
- Debtors can access emailed court notices and orders from a computer or mobile device that has an Internet connection and a free Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- There is no charge and no limit to the number of times emailed court notices and orders can be viewed.

To activate a DeBN account, a debtor must file a [DeBN request form](#) with the Court. Debtors can have their attorney file the DeBN request form directly in the ECF system, using the Debtor Electronic Noticing event in the *Other* category in ECF, or they can file the form themselves by mail or in person at the Clerk's Office. If joint debtors in a case each wish to enroll in DeBN, each debtor must file a separate request form. Once a DeBN request has been filed, the debtor will receive an email notifying them of DeBN activation or a deficiency notice if further information is required.

To access the DeBN request form and additional information about the program, please visit the [DeBN section](#) of the Noticing Information page under the Court Info menu of our website www.rib.uscourts.gov.

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/s/ **Susan M. Thurston**
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