United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Mississippi

Electronic Case Filing Guide for Attorneys

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Section 1

Introduction

This manual provides instructions on how to use the Case Management/Electronic Filing System (ECF) to file documents with the court or to view and retrieve docket sheets and documents for all cases assigned to this system. Users should have a working knowledge of Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Apple Safari, or Microsoft Internet Explorer and a Portable Document Format (PDF) program (e.g., Adobe Acrobat), as well as a word processing software and file management.

Assistance

The court's operating hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For help regarding pending cases, contact the Case Administrator assigned to the case. Case Administrator assignments may be found on the court's website (www.mssb.uscourts.gov) under **About the Court > Contact Information**.

Resources (www.mssb.uscourts.gov)

Electronic Case Filing tab:

Guides available for download:

- Administrative Procedures for Electronic Case Filing
- ECF e-Orders Attorney Guide
- ECF Attorney Guide
- ECF Limited User Guide
- ECF Docketing Guide – Transcribers
- Personal Financial Mgt Course Providers Information – Docketing Instructions

Additional Filing Resources:

- ECF Login
- Public Access
- ECF Registration
- ECF Docketing Guide
- Email Notification to Debtors
- Procedural Flowcharts
- Emergency Filing Procedures
- ECF e-Orders Materials

About the Court tab:

- Contact Information:
  - Judge's Chambers
  - Case Administrators by Chapter
  - Adversary Case Administrators
  - Operations Managers
  - Administrative Staff
- Courthouse Locations
- Federal Holiday Schedule
- Emergency Filing Procedures
- Employment
- Restrictions: Cell Phone & Other Electronic Devices

ECF System and PACER System

Electronic filing system (ECF) allows:

- Registered users to file documents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and
- Immediate access to full case information for attorneys, parties and the general public.

Public Access to Court Electronic Records System (PACER) provides registered PACER users access to:

- The court's ECF system
- Query and Report features in the ECF system
- View and print documents filed in any federal court.

To register for a PACER account, contact the PACER Service Center at (800) 676-6856 or (210) 301-6440 or online at www.pacer.gov for additional information.

Hardware and Software Requirement

The hardware and software needed to file, view, and retrieve case documents electronically are:

- A personal Windows or Apple Macintosh (MAC) computer.

- Internet access with a compatible browser, such as:
    - Mozilla Firefox;
    - Google Chrome;
    - Apple Safari; or
    - Internet Explorer.

- A word processing application such as Microsoft Word;

- Portable Document Format (PDF) software to:
    - convert documents from a word processor format to a PDF; and
    - view PDF documents.

- A scanner to convert paper documents to a PDF document.

ECF Registration

To utilize the ECF system fully, attorneys must use an individual PACER account to register for authorization as an ECF User with the Court. Visit the PACER's website (www.pacer.gov) for registration information.

Pursuant Miss. Bankr. L. R. 5005-1(a)(2)(A) registration by an attorney as an ECF User constitutes consent to receive electronic service or notice of documents filed in the ECF system, except with regard to service of a summons and complaint under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7004 for adversary proceedings.

ECF Account Information

Registered users are responsible for updating their mailing addresses and email addresses on-line through their PACER account.

Passwords

An ECF User's PACER username and password serves as the ECF User's unique signature for purposes of Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9011 and for other purposes. The ECF User is not authorized to transfer their PACER account to a new user. A new user must register for an individual PACER account and his or her own ECF account.

Errors in Filing

A document incorrectly filed in a case may result from:

1. Posting the wrong PDF file to a docket entry;
2. Filing documents in the wrong case;
3. Selecting the wrong event.

Once a document is filed through the ECF system, it becomes a part of the Court's record, and only the Court can make a correction. The ECF system will not allow an ECF User to change a document or docket, and the filer should not attempt to re-file the document(s).

As soon as possible after an error is discovered, the ECF User should contact the Case Administrator responsible for the case and provide the case number and document number for which the correction is being requested. A complete list of Case Administrator assignments can be found on our web site at *www.mssb.uscourts.gov* under **About the Court> Contact Information**. If appropriate, the Clerk's office will make an entry on the docket indicating that the document was filed in error, or otherwise describing the error. The Clerk's office will inform the filing party of the corrective steps which need to be taken to correct the error.

Signatures

Pursuant to Miss. Bankr. L. R. 9011-1(a)(2), the ECF User's name under whose PACER username and password the document is submitted must be displayed as an image of a signature or by an "/s/" and typed in the space where the signature would otherwise appear. (e.g. /s/ Jane Doe).

The signature of a person, other than the ECF User, may also be displayed as an image of a signature or by an "/s/" and typed in the space where the signature would otherwise appear (e.g., /s/ Jane Doe). By filing a document with a signature of a person other than the ECF User, the ECF User is certifying to the court that the ECF User obtained an original signature on the original document from such person or that the ECF User has comparable evidence of authorization from the person to use "/s/" to indicate the person's signature.

Submitting Proposed Orders

Judge Olack:

Proposed Orders must be uploaded in the ECF system as an attachment to the main document at the time of filing. If the original proposed order changes in any way, the ECF User must upload the final proposed order to the ECF system using the designated ECF event "Order Upload".

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Sealed Documents

File sealed documents at the Bankruptcy Court Clerk's office in accordance with the existing practices and procedures for conventional filing. See Miss. Bankr. L.R. 9018-1.

Section 2

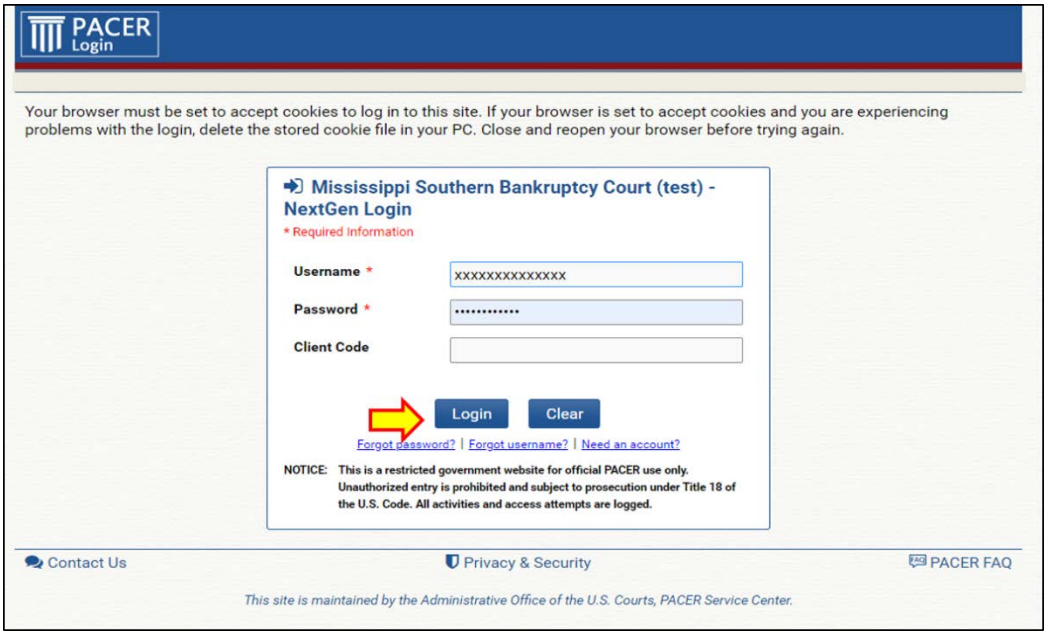
CM/ECF System Access

User may access the system via the Internet (https://ecf.mssb.uscourts.gov) or the Court's website (www.mssb.uscourts.gov) and click the menu headings **Electronic Case Filing> ECF Login**.

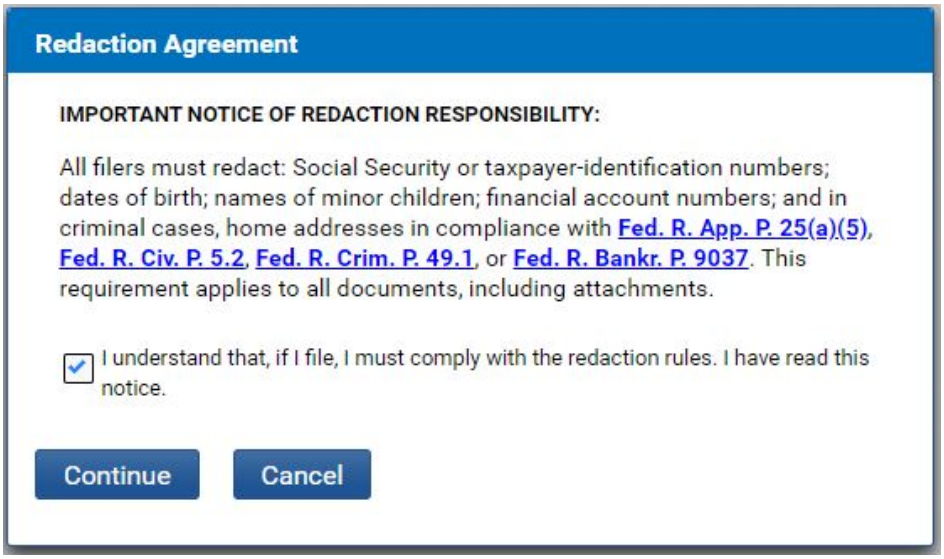
Logging into ECF

Go to: https://ecf.mssb.uscourts.gov.
Click the ECF hyperlink: Southern District of Mississippi - Document Filing System

Enter your individual PACER Username and Password; click **Login**.



Read the Redaction Agreement, then check the box, acknowledging that you read the notice and understand that you must comply with the redaction rules. Click **Continue** to login CM/ECF.



CM/ECF Menu Bar

ECF provides the following features that are accessible from the ECF main menu bar at the top of the screen.

CM/ECF Logo	Provides the court's address, email, Clerk of Court, and a link to view additional court information.
Bankruptcy:	File a petition, pleadings, motions, or other documents in a bankruptcy case.
Adversary:	File an adversary complaint, adversary pleadings, motions, or other documents electronically.
Query:	Search by specific case number, party name, Social Security number or tax I.D. and to retrieve documents that are relevant to the case. *ECF redirects you to the PACER login page*.
Reports:	Retrieve case information, claims registers, docket reports, calendar events, creditor mailing matrices, docket activities, and written opinions.
Utilities:	View your ECF account information and maintain your ECF account information.
Search:	Search Menus and Events by entering key words.

ECF-Guide	View the ECF Docketing Guide
Help:	Click Help to view information for the particular screen you are viewing.
Logout:	Exit from ECF. **always** log out after completing a session.

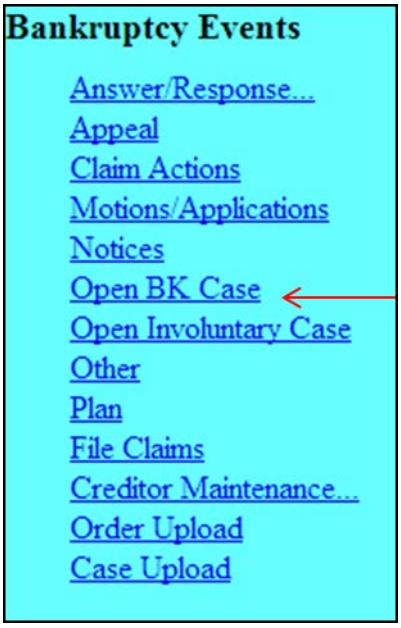
Section 3

Bankruptcy Case Opening

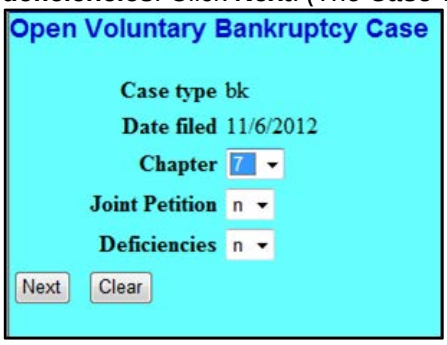
A. Conventional Bankruptcy Case Opening

Step 1 From the main menu bar, click **Bankruptcy**

Step 2 Click **Open BK Case**



Step 3 Select the **Chapter**, whether you are filing a **joint petition**, and if there are **deficiencies**. Click **Next**. *(The **Case Type** and **Date Filed** cannot be changed.)*

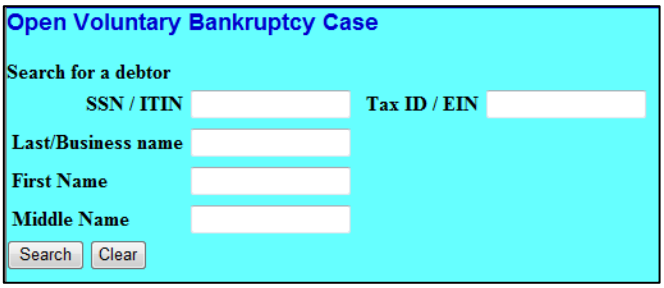


- **Joint Petition** box defaults to **n** for no*. (If the case is a joint filing, click on the drop-down arrow in the Joint Petition Box, and click on **y** for yes.)*

- **Deficiencies** box defaults to **n** for no. – If you are filing a petition with all schedules and statements keep the deficiencies box on **n**. If you are missing any schedule, statement, or Chapter 13 plan (if applicable), you MUST change the default to **y** for yes. Later you will be prompted to identify the missing documents.

Note: The case number, division, Judge and trustee assignment are generated after the case is opened.

Step 4 The **Search for a debtor** screen displays. You may search by Social Security number, tax identification number, last name or business name.



- Enter the debtor's last name or Social Security number, including hyphens, in the correct field. ***(The Court recommends searching for individuals by Social Security number because when searching by name only, the Social Security number cannot be verified.)***

- For business filings, enter the entire name of the entity in the **Last/Business name** field.

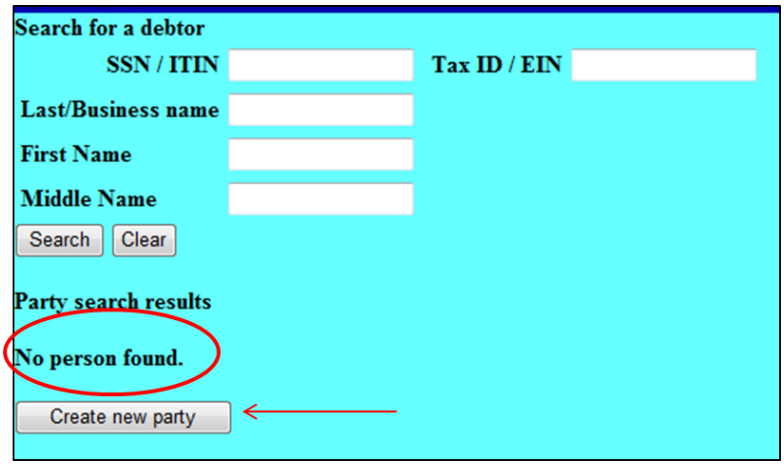
- **Do not select** a party record for a debtor when:

  - Social Security number is missing

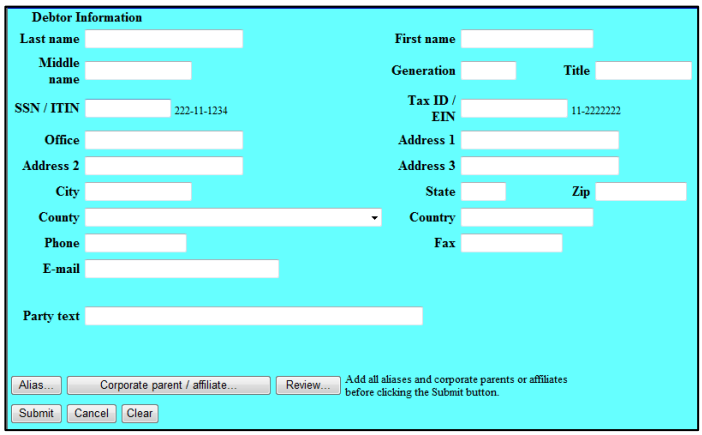
  - Name or Social Security number is different than your client's.

- If no party record <u>exists</u> OR there is no "**exact"** match (name and SSN), click **Create a new party**.

Step 5 When there are no matches found, a **No person found** message is displayed, click **Create a new party**.

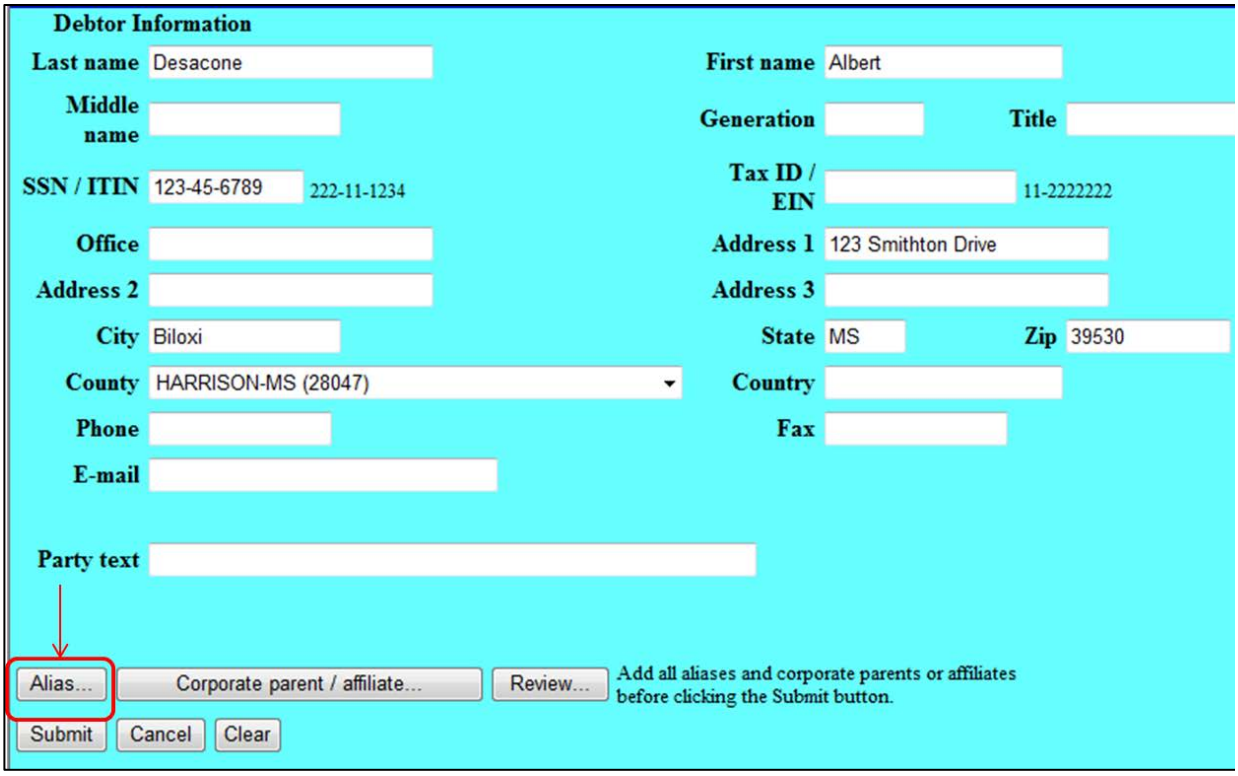


Step 6 The **Debtor Information** screen displays:



- Enter the debtor's information *(name, mailing address, and county. Take the information from the voluntary petition)*.
- Use upper and lower case letters.
- Do not use special characters such as ( ) { } [ ] * %, etc.
- You may enter up to five social security numbers and/or tax identification numbers for each debtor and joint debtor.
- Select the debtor's county of residence from the drop-down list. *Note: For a faster search type the first letter of the county.*
- Do not enter a **Phone** number, **Fax** number, **E-mail** address or **Party text** information for a debtor.

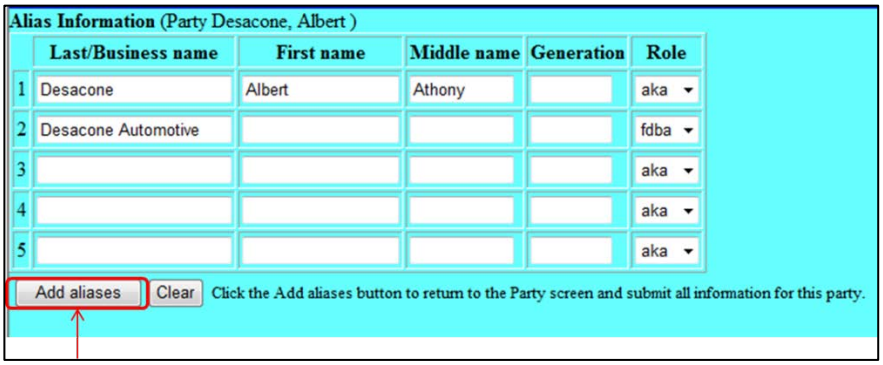
If the debtor has an alias, click **Alias**



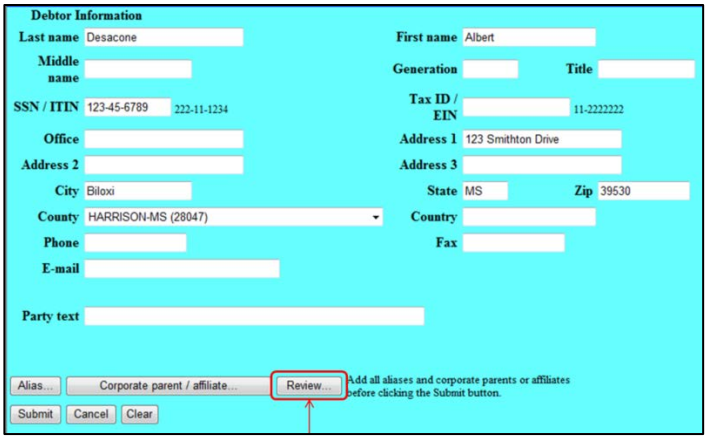
You may enter up to five (5) alias records per screen. If you have more than five (5), enter the initial five aliases and click on **Add aliases**. You will return to the Debtor **Party Information** screen. Click **Alias…** again to add more alias records.

Alias Role selections include **aka** *(also known as)*, **dba** *(doing business as)*, **fdba** *(formally doing business as)*, and **fka** *(formerly known as)*

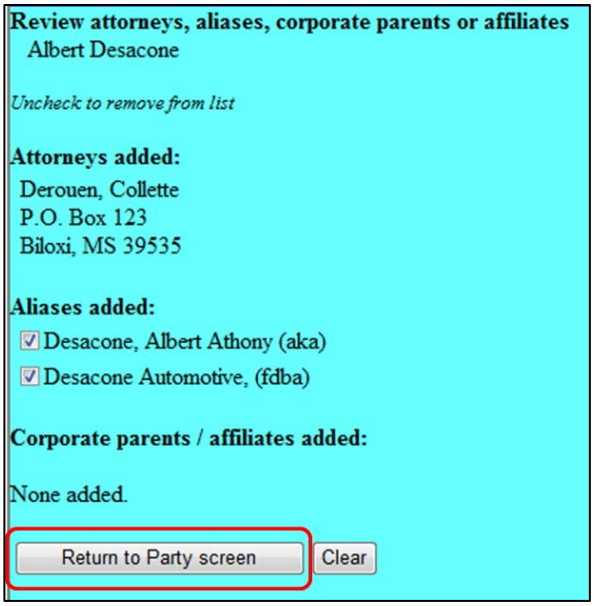
After entering alias information click **Add Aliases**



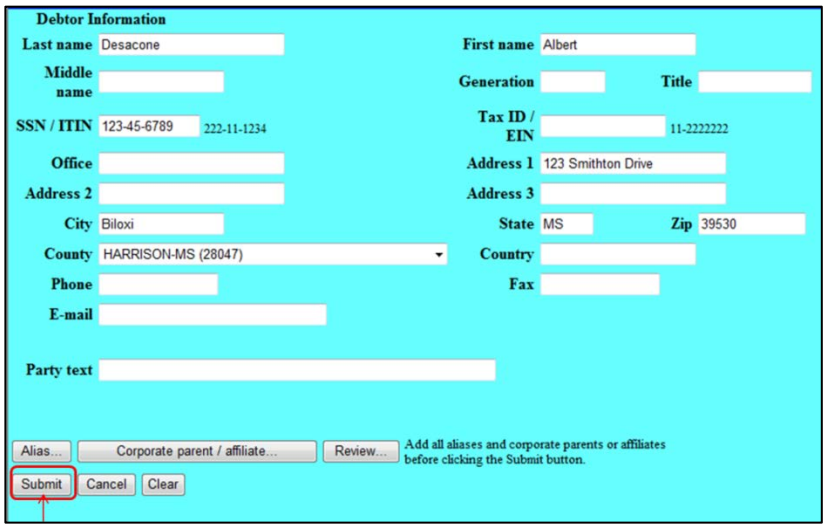
Step 7 Click **Review** to review and verify debtor's information entered.



If information is correct, click **Return to Party screen**



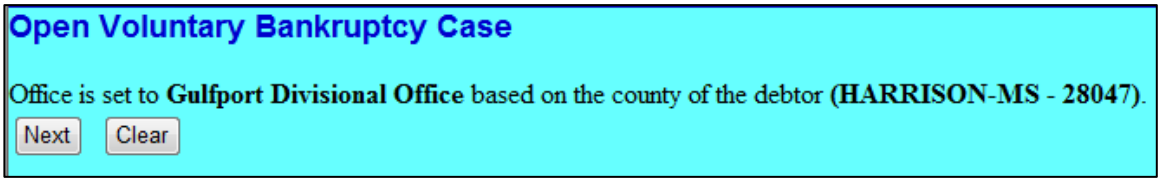
To save the debtor's information click **Submit.** You will receive warning messages for missing information.



Note: If filing on behalf of joint debtors, a **Joint Debtor Party** screen would appear next.

When opening a new bankruptcy case, the attorney (ECF filer) is automatically linked as the attorney for the debtor and joint debtor.

Step 8 The **Divisional office** screen appears, simply click Next to continue.

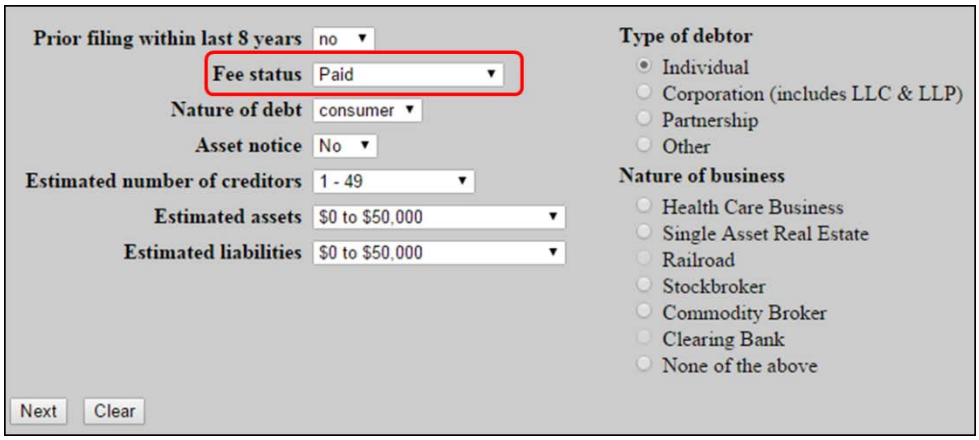


Step 9 Make the applicable options on the statistical data screen; click **Next**.

Prior filing within last 8 years options**: no** or **yes**

Fee status options:

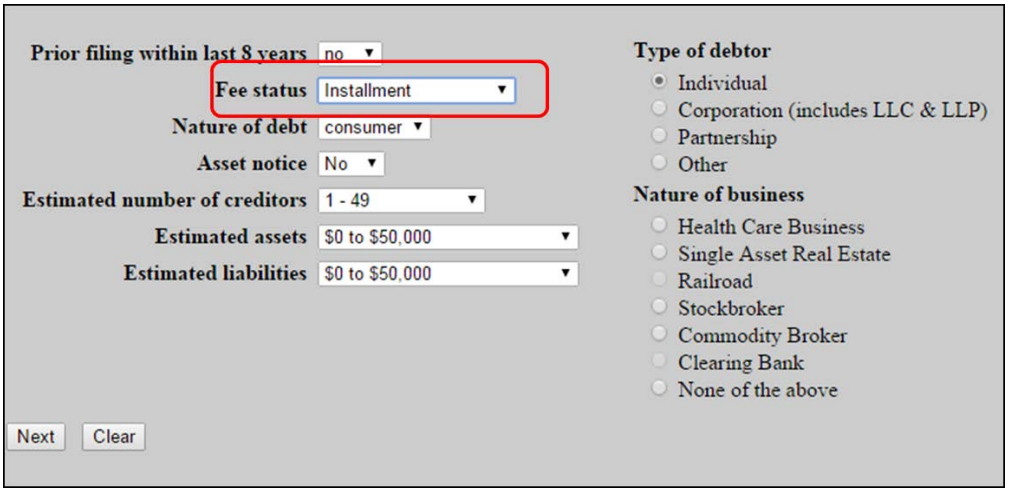
- **Paid** – select **Paid** when the debtor is paying the full filing fee.



- **Installment** - select when the fee is to be paid in installments. This allows entry of an initial installment amount being paid with the petition.

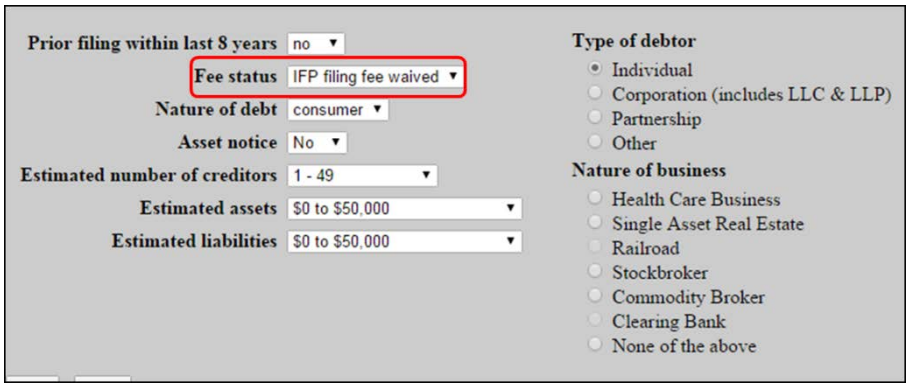
  Note: The debtor must file the following documents immediately after the case is opened:

  - ✓ ***Application to Pay Filing Fee in Installments*** (Official Form 103A)
  - ✓ ***Disclosure of Pre-Petition Fees Paid by Debtor to Debtor's*** *Counsel (Local Form MSSB-LR-1006-1)*.



- **fee not paid** – **DO NOT** select this option without contacting the Clerk's office.

- **IFP filing fee waived** – select when filing application to waive Chapter 7 filing fee for individual *(Official Form 103B)* immediately after the bankruptcy case is opened. *(Only applicable for individual chapter 7 cases)*



Nature of debt options: **consumer** or **business**

Asset notice options:

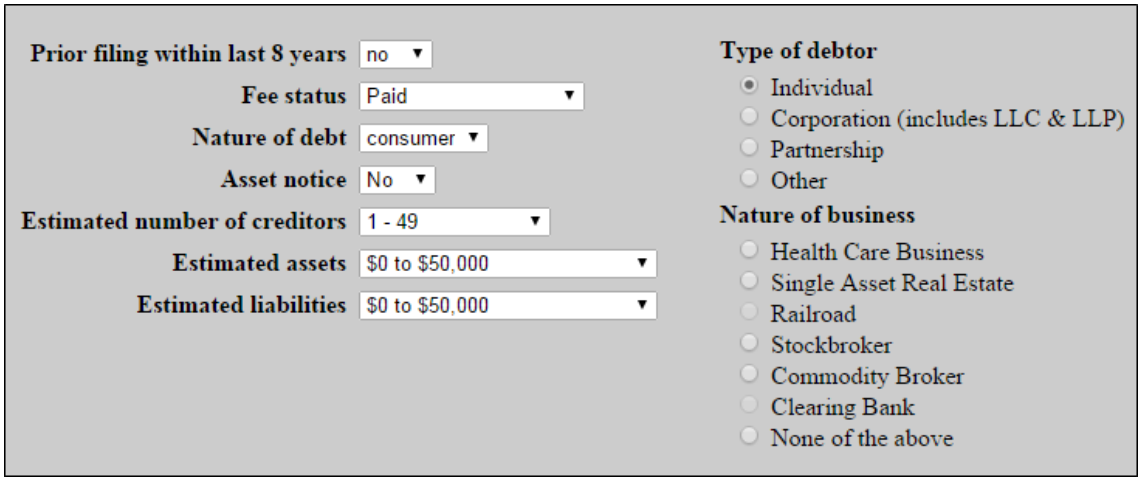
- Select **No** for all chapter 7 cases
- Select **Yes** for chapter 11 or 13 cases

***Estimated number of creditors**
***Estimated assets**
***Estimated liabilities**

***NOTE**: The selections you choose should be reflected on the voluntary petition.

Type of debtor

- The term "Individual" does not refer to how many debtors but that the debtor(s) are persons and not an entity such as a corporation or partnership.



Step 10 The **Summary of Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information** screen. Part 1, enter the amounts in the appropriate fields, click **Next**

Summary of Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information

Report the totals from Schedules A/B, D, E/F, I, J, Forms 122, and Nondischargeable Debt in the boxes provided.

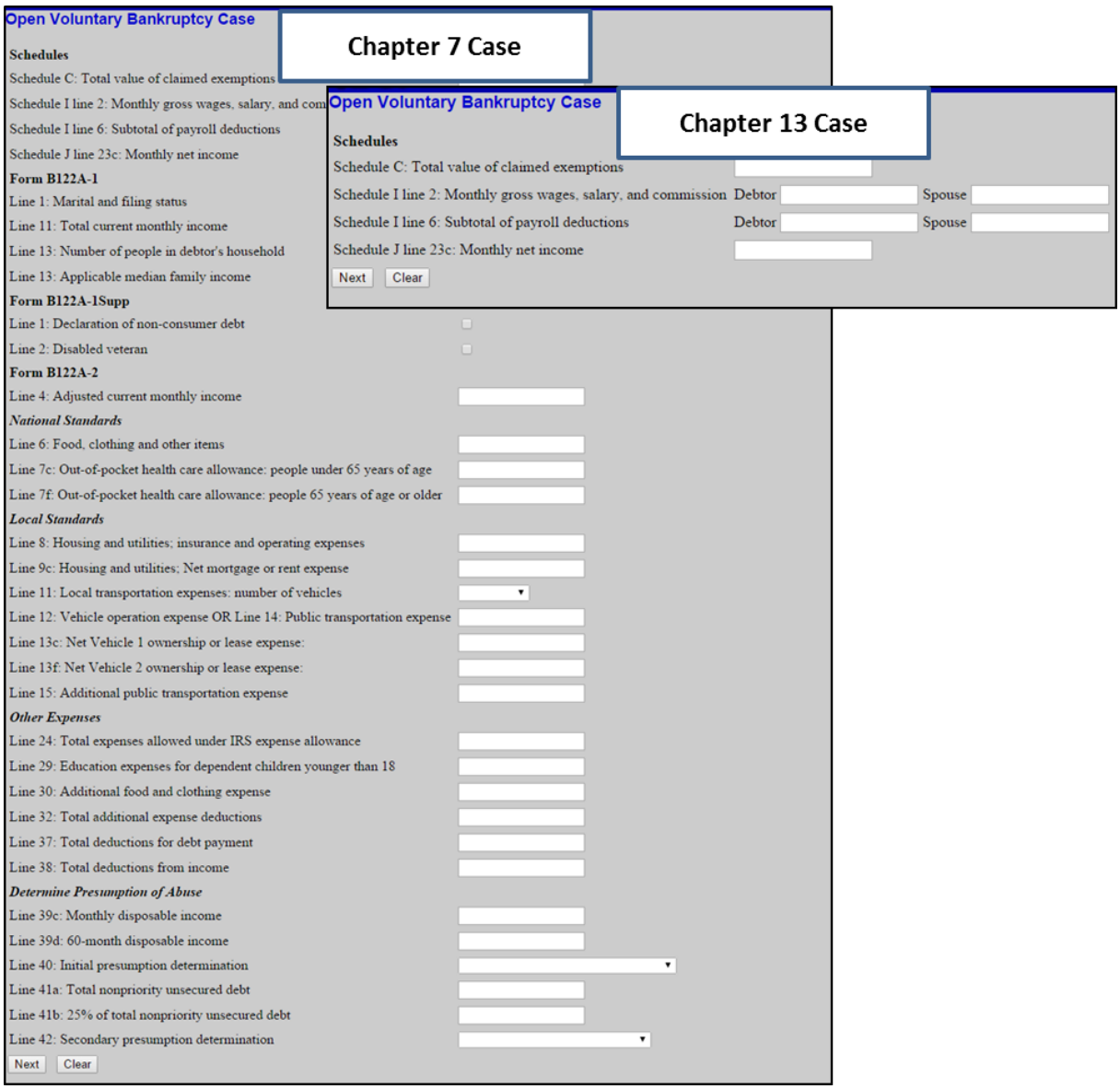
NAME OF SCHEDULE/FORM	ASSETS	LIABILITIES	OTHER
Schedule A/B - Total Real Estate/Property			
Schedule A/B - Total Personal Property			
Schedule D - Total Secured Claims			
Schedule E/F - Total Priority Unsecured Claims			
Schedule E/F - Total Nonpriority Unsecured Claims			
Schedule I - Monthly Income			
Schedule J - Monthly Expenses			
Current Monthly Income (Official Form 122A-1, 122B or 122C-1)			
Total Unsecured Claims Amount (Official Form 106Sum, 3a + 3b)			
Total Dischargeable Debt (Computed) Note: Not computed when any value above for D, E/F, or total unsecured claims amount is not known.			

Next Clear

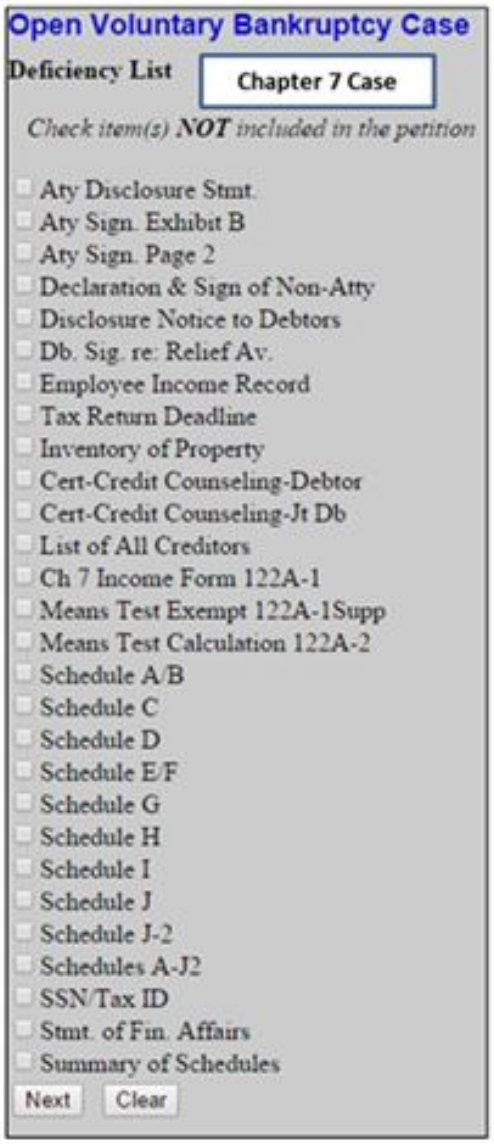
Note: Schedules A/ B and E/F have multiple value fields:

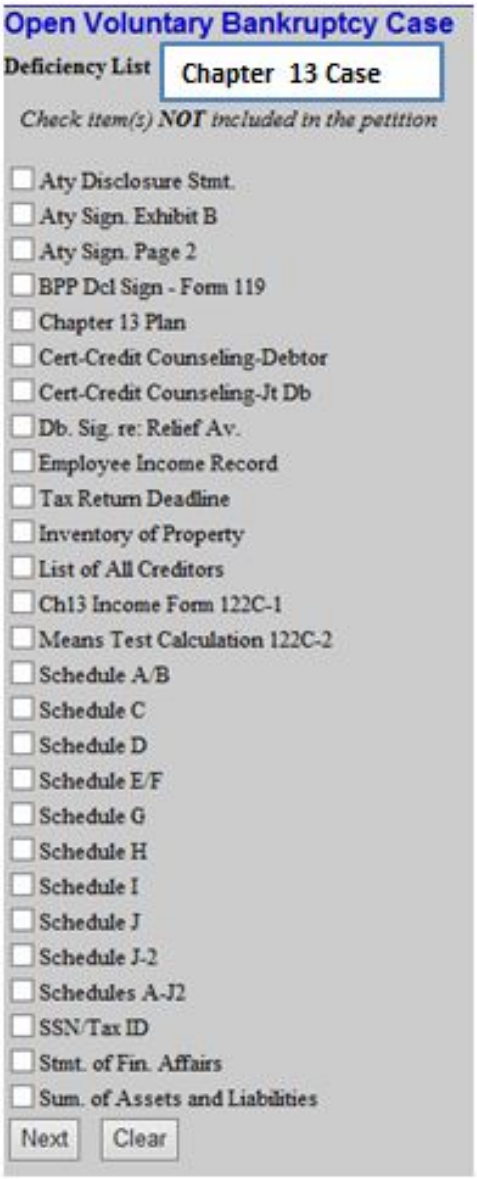
Schedule	Field	Value
A/B	1 2	Real estate/property Personal property
E/F	1 2	Priority unsecured claims Non-Priority unsecured claims

Step 11 The **Summary of Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information** screen. Part 2, enter the amounts in the appropriate fields, click **Next.** *A warning message will appear when all fields left are blank.*



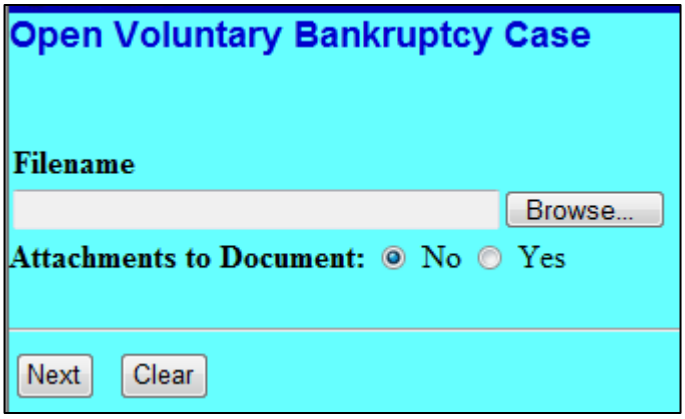
When opening a case with deficiencies the next screen will display a deficiency list according to the chapter. If you selected **y** (yes) for Deficiencies, a check list will appear. With the exception of ***Employee Income Record***, place a check mark in the appropriate box for each item that is not being filed at this time.





**Pursuant to Standing Order Regarding Filing Payment Advices Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §521(a)(1)(B)(iv) and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 1007(b), the debtor(s) is required to submit copies of his/her pay advices to the case trustee and NOT filed with the court.*

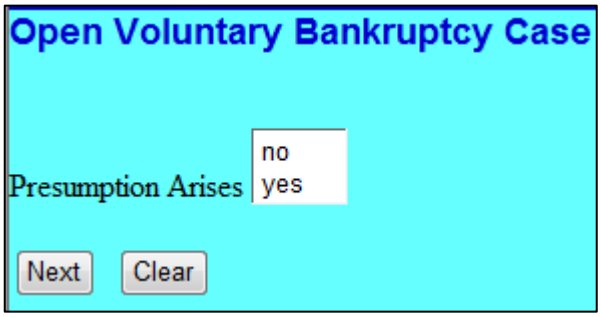
Step 12 Browse and attach the **Voluntary Petition**, click **Next**



Note: Always review PDF documents before uploading in the system. Schedules and statements must be filed as a separate document.

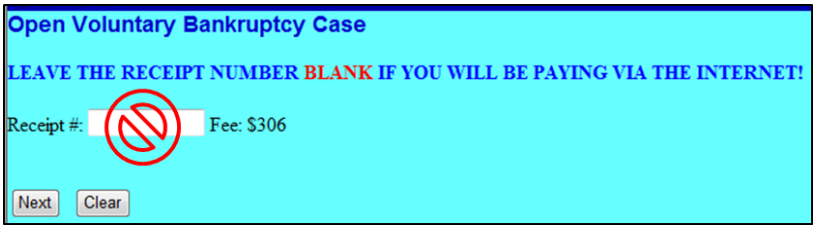
If you selected **y** (yes) for Deficiencies, the next screen will give the deadline, then click **Next.**

Step 13 **Presumption Arises: no** or **yes** (Chapter 7 cases only). Make appropriate selection, click **Next**.



Step 14 a **Filing Fee** screen. – **Paying fee**. When paying full filing fee, leave the **Receipt #:** field blank. You are required to pay the filing fee via the Internet though Pay.Gov.

Click **Next**

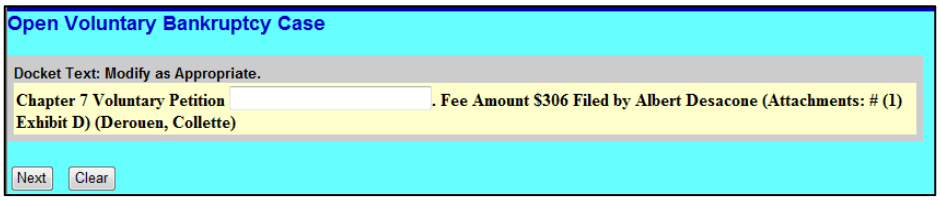


Step 14 b Filing Fee screen. – Paying installments. When paying in installments, leave the Receipt # field blank. Change the amount to the amount of the payment being paid with the voluntary petition. When not making a payment with the petition change the amount to 0.00.

Click Next

Step 15 **Docket Text** screen. Verify text is correct. Use the text field to input any additional information necessary. If the information is incorrect abort the process and start over. *To abort the transaction, click on any option from the CM/ECF main menu bar.*

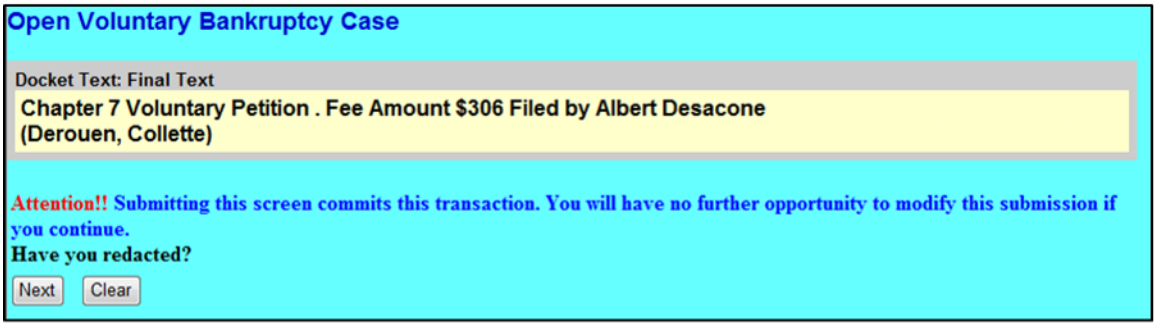
Click **Next**



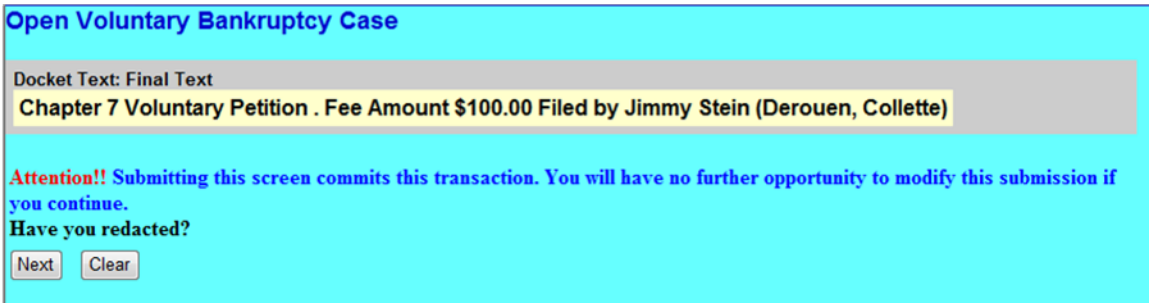
Step 16 **Final Docket Text** screen. Review this screen carefully. This is your last chance to abort the transaction. If the information is incorrect, click any option from the CM/ECF main menu bar to cancel the filing.

If the information is correct, click **Next.**

Final Docket Text - Filing Fee Paid



Final Docket Text – Installment Payment



Step 17 The Notice of Electronic Filing screen provides:

1) A link to the ***Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing**
2) **Case Name**
3) **Case Number**
4) **Document Number** for Voluntary Petition

**The notice has the official court seal, date/time and case number. You may use this notice to send to creditors as an official automatic stay notification.*

You may print this page for your records. Note that the case number and document number are underlined and in blue. These are hyperlinks to that case

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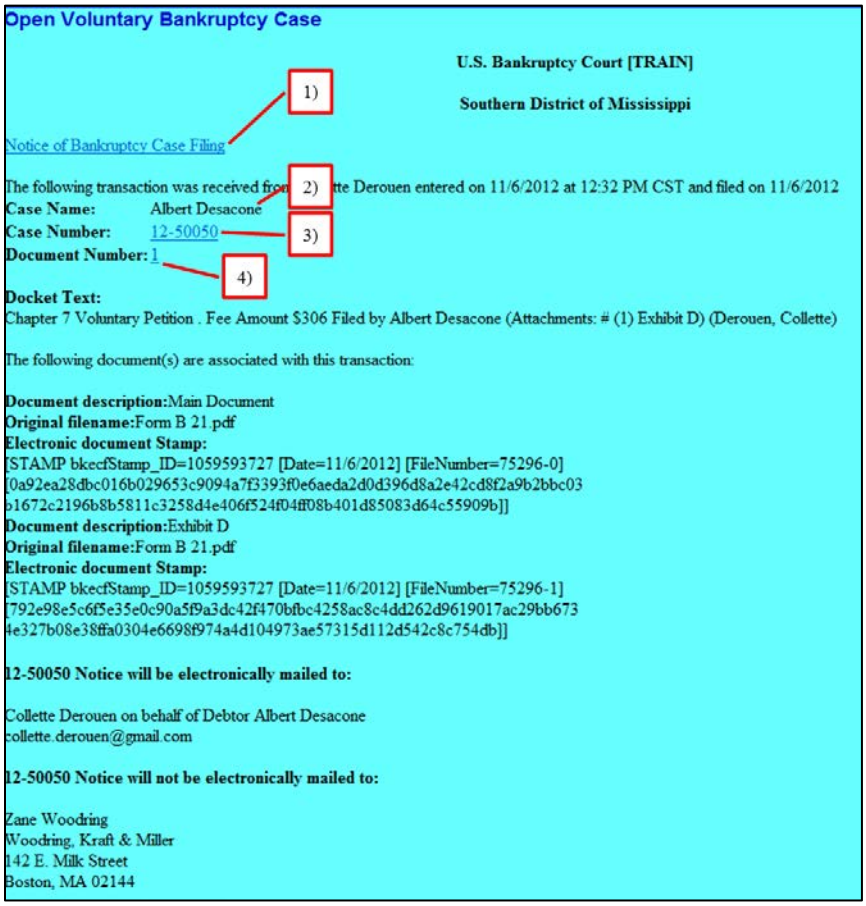

Open Voluntary Bankruptcy Case

U.S. Bankruptcy Court [TRAIN]

Southern District of Mississippi

1)

Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing

The following transaction was received from 2) tte Derouen entered on 11/6/2012 at 12:32 PM CST and filed on 11/6/2012
Case Name: Albert Desacone
Case Number: 12-50050 3)
Document Number: 1
4)

Docket Text:
Chapter 7 Voluntary Petition . Fee Amount $306 Filed by Albert Desacone (Attachments: # (1) Exhibit D) (Derouen, Collette)

The following document(s) are associated with this transaction:

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12-50050 Notice will be electronically mailed to:

Collette Derouen on behalf of Debtor Albert Desacone
collette.derouen@gmail.com

12-50050 Notice will not be electronically mailed to:

Zane Woodring
Woodring, Kraft & Miller
142 E. Milk Street
Boston, MA 02144

Step 18 The **Summary of current charges** window will pop up. The filing fee may be paid now, or you may continue filing and pay accumulated fees all-at-once by the end of the day.

Click **Pay Now** to pay filing fee or click **Continue Filing** to continue filing and pay accumulated at the end of the day.

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B. Filing Required List, Schedules, Statements and Documents

After filing the voluntary petition *(case opening process)* you must file additional documents as required by the Federal Rules and upload creditors in CM/ECF. (*See Appendix A-C for list of required documents by chapter.)*

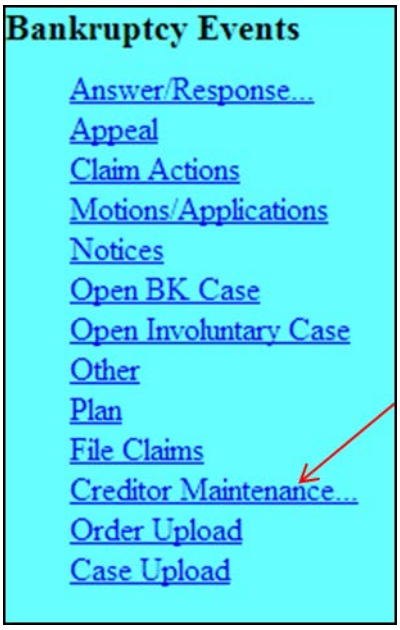
1) Uploading List of Creditors – Process

When uploading creditors in the system, the file must be in text format (".txt file"). See Appendix D for creditor list specifications.

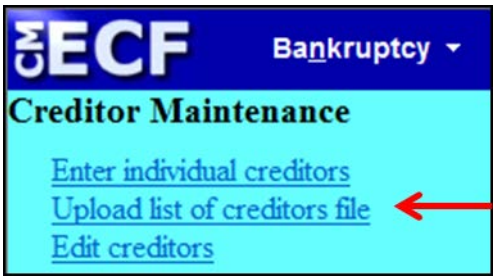
The .txt file must contain the name and address ("information") of each entity included or to be included on **Schedules D, E/F, G. and H**.

After the information is uploaded the ECF system automatically records the upload process on the case docket.

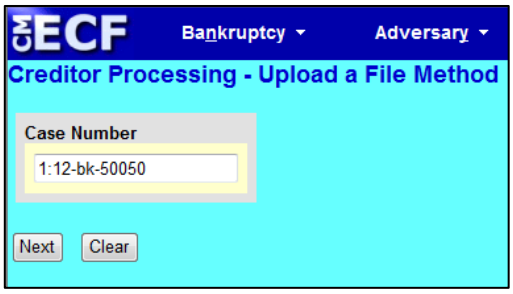
Step 1 Under Bankruptcy Event Category select Creditor Maintenance



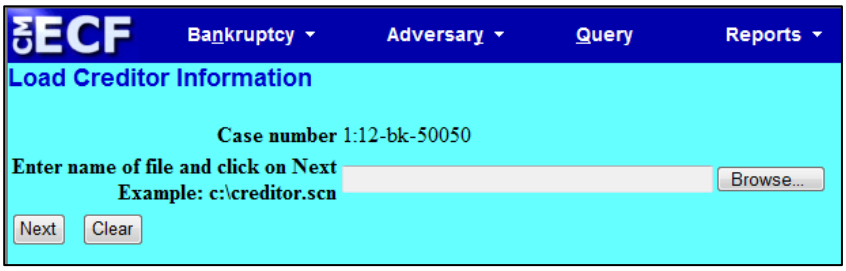
Step 2 Click **Upload list of creditors file**



Step 3 **Creditor Processing – Upload a File Method**. Input the case number, click **Next**.

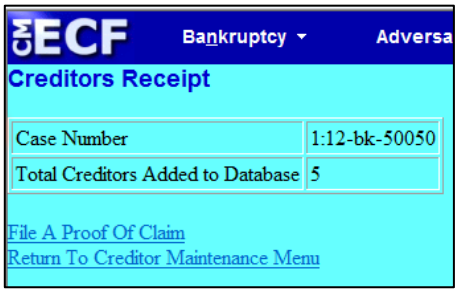


Step 4 **Load Creditor Information.** Use the browse button to locate the file, click **Next**



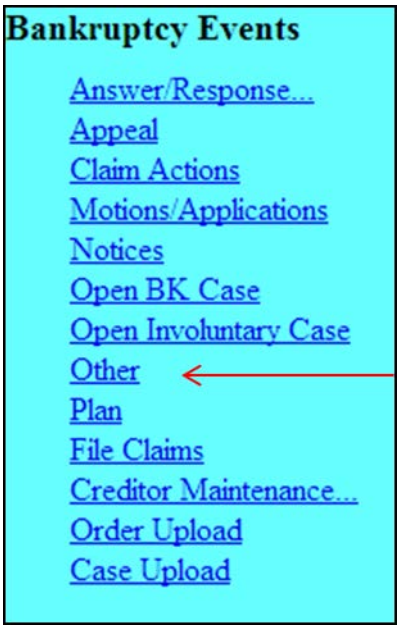
Step 5 The Add Creditor(s) screen shows the number of creditors added to the case. If the number added is correct, click the **Submit** button, otherwise, go back and check the name of the file you loaded.

Step 6 **Creditors Receipt**

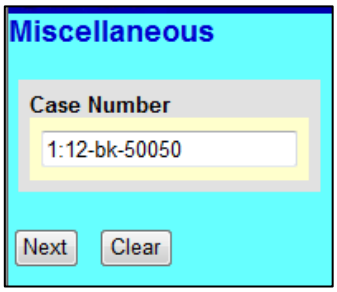


2) File List of Creditors/Mailing Matrix (PDF document)

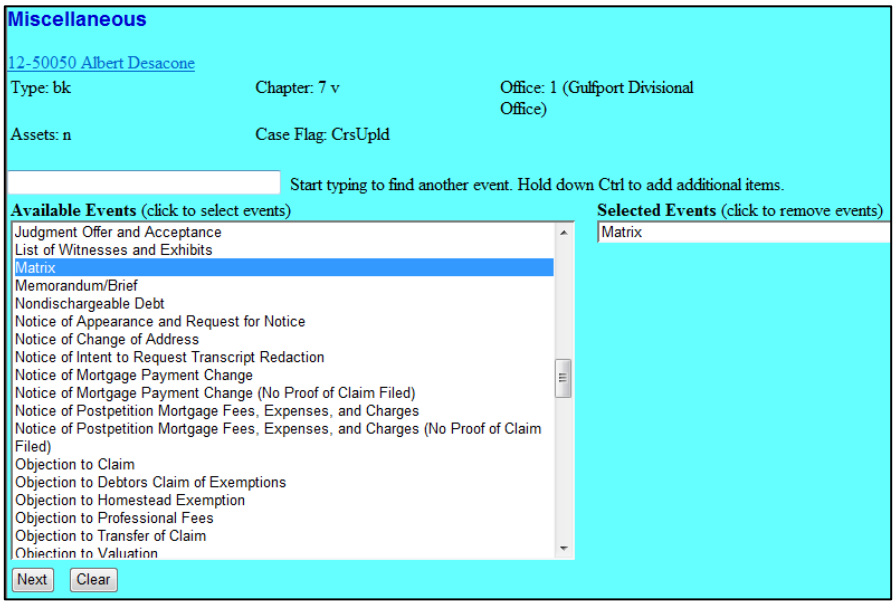
Step 1 Under Bankruptcy Event Category select Other



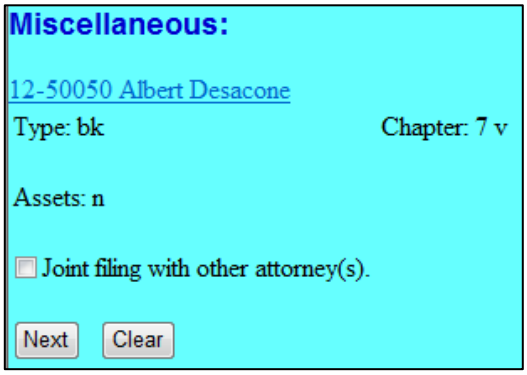
Step 2 Input Case Number, click **Next**



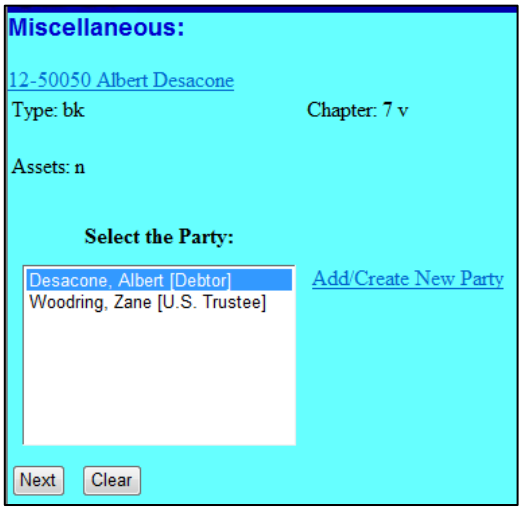
Step 3 Search for event, by entering the **matrix** in the search field. Select **Matrix**, click **Next**



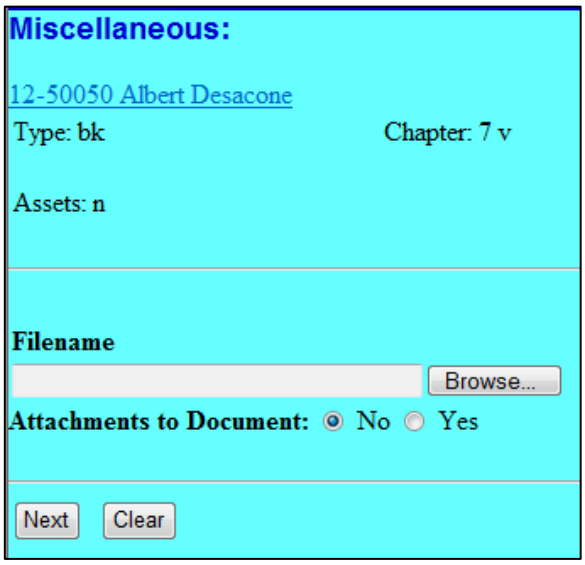
Step 4 **Joint filing with other attorney(s)**. Only check this box if this is a joint filing. Click **Next**



Step 5 **Select the Party** (Debtor) and click **Next**

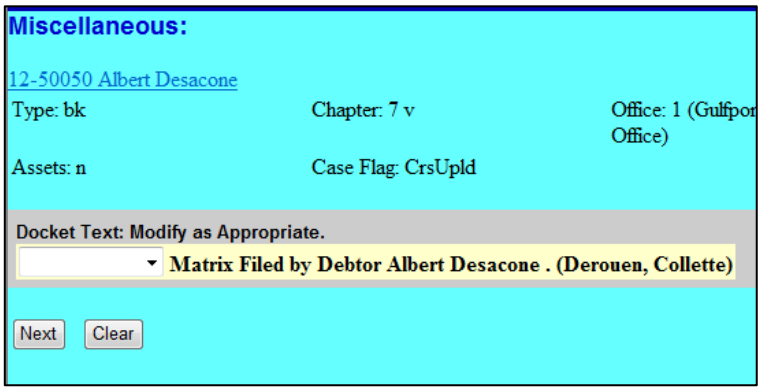


Step 6 Browse and attach the list of creditors/mailing matrix (PDF document), click **Next**



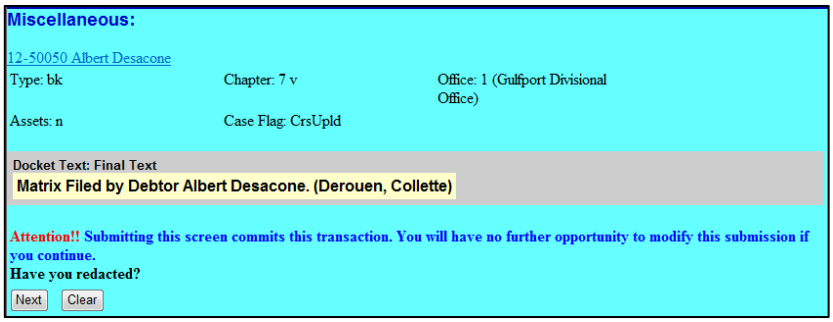
Step 7 **Docket Text**. Review the generated docket text, click **Next**

Do not *select a prefix from the drop-down list*



Step 8 **Final Docket Text**. Review the final docket text. Click **Next** to continue.

If it is not correct, abort the transaction by clicking any option from the CM/ECF main menu bar.



Step 9 **Notice of Electronic** Filing screen

C. Filing Subsequent Documents Required after Filing Voluntary Petition:

1) Statement of Social Security Number *(Only required for individual debtors)*

Docket Event:
Bankruptcy> Other> Social Security Number (Form 121)

2) Certificate of Credit Counseling

Docket Event:
Bankruptcy> Other> Certificate of Credit Counseling

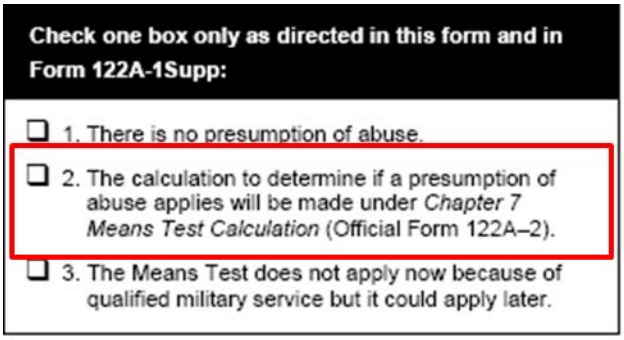
3) Means Test

Chapter 7: Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income *(Official Form 122A-1)*

Docket Event:

Bankruptcy> Other> Chapter 7 Statements – Monthly Income (122A-1)/Exemption Presumption of Abuse (122A-1Supp)

Note: On Official Form 122A-1 if box 2 is checked the debtor must complete and file Official Form 122A-2 *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation*


Check one box only as directed in this form and in Form 122A-1Supp:

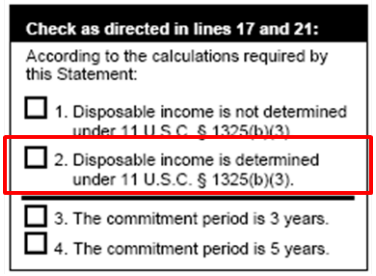
- ☐ 1. There is no presumption of abuse.
- ☐ 2. The calculation to determine if a presumption of abuse applies will be made under *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A–2).
- ☐ 3. The Means Test does not apply now because of qualified military service but it could apply later.

Docket Event:
Bankruptcy> Other> Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation (Form 122A-2)

Chapter 13: Chapter 13 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income and Calculation of Commitment Period *(Official Form 122C-1)*

Docket Event:
Bankruptcy> Other> Chapter 13 Statement of Monthly Income (Form 122C-1)

Note: On Official Form 122C-1 if box 2 is checked the debtor must complete and file Official Form 122C-2 *Chapter 13 Calculation of Your Disposable Income*.


Check as directed in lines 17 and 21:

According to the calculations required by this Statement:

☐ 1. Disposable income is not determined under 11 U.S.C. § 1325(b)(3).

☐ 2. Disposable income is determined under 11 U.S.C. § 1325(b)(3).

☐ 3. The commitment period is 3 years.

☐ 4. The commitment period is 5 years.

Docket Event:
Bankruptcy> Other> Chapter 13 Calculation of Disposable Income (Form 122C-2)

4) Schedules and Statements (see appendix A for list of schedules to be filed as one PDF document)

Docket Event:
Bankruptcy> Other > Schedules/Statements

5) Chapter 13 Plan *(if applicable)* Effective December 1, 2017, all chapter 13 plans must be typewritten and filed using the local form: MSSB-113 *Chapter 13 Plan and Motions for Valuation and Lien Avoidance*. *See* Miss. Bankr. L. R. 3015.1-1

Docket Event:
Bankruptcy> Plan > Chapter 13 Plan

6) Notice of Filing Chapter 13 Plan with Certificate of Service Effective December 1, 2017, the debtor must serve the plan and give notice of the filing upon the case trustee, US Trustee, and all creditors.

The notice must substantially conform to local form: MSSB-LR-3015-1 *Notice of Filing Chapter 13 Plan and Motions for Valuation and Lien Avoidance*. *See* Miss. Bankr. L.R. 3015-1(d).

Recommended local form Certificate of Service: MSSB-LR-3015-1-COS

Docket Event:
Bankruptcy>Notices> Notice of Filing Chapter 13 Plan

See Appendix A - Required Documents Re: Chapter 7 - Individual Debtor

See Appendix B - Required Documents Re: Chapter 7 - Business Debtor

See Appendix C - Required Documents Re: Chapter 13 - Individual Debtor

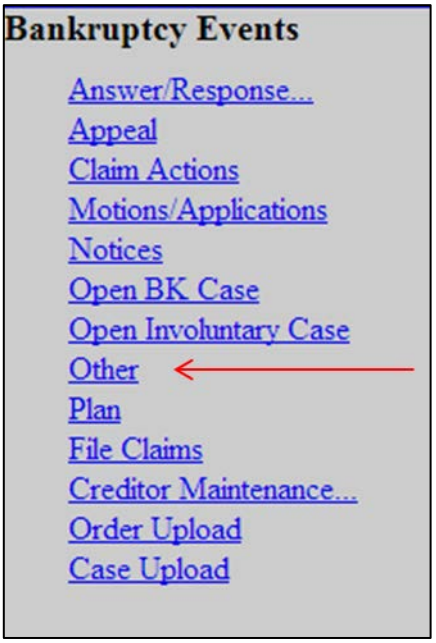
Section 4

Installment Payments

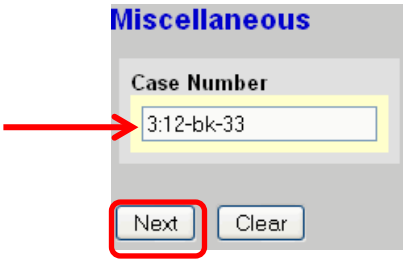
Debtors' attorneys have access to make online installment payments using the court's CM/ECF system. Non-Attorney ECF Users and pro-se debtors are required to pay installment payments via mail or in person at the clerk's office.

Step 1 Click **Bankruptcy** from CM/ECF menu bar

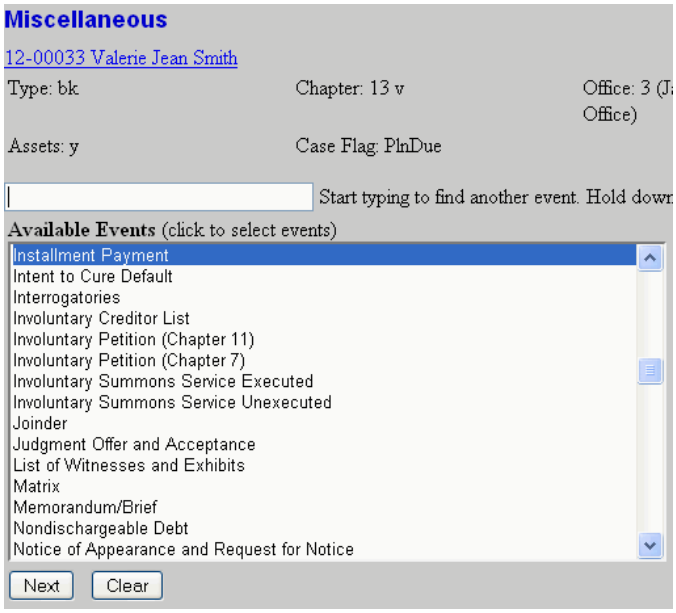
Step 2 Select **Other** from the Bankruptcy Events list



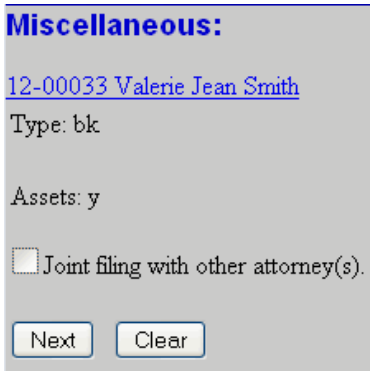
Step 3 Enter **Case Number**, click **Next**



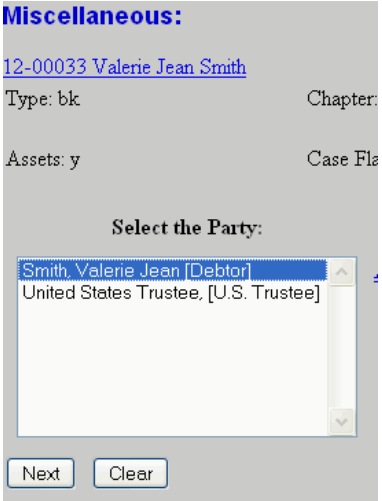
Step 4 Select **Installment Payment**, click **Next**



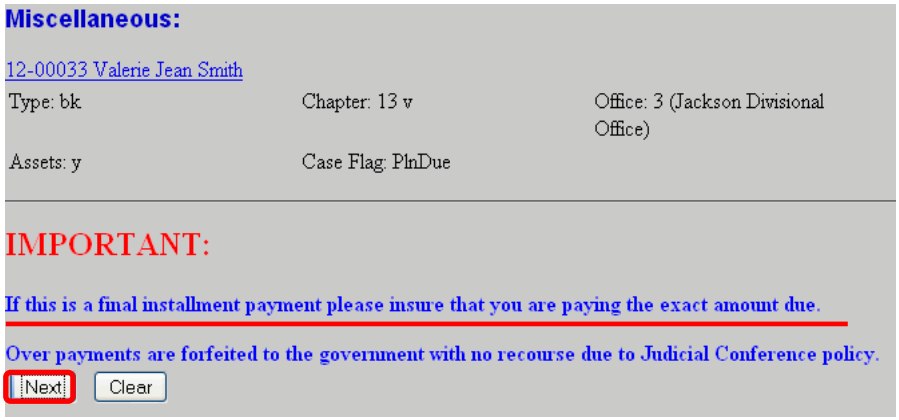
Step 5 **Do not** check the **Joint filing with other attorney(s)** box, click **Next**



Step 6 Select the debtor (If joint case select both debtors), click **Next**

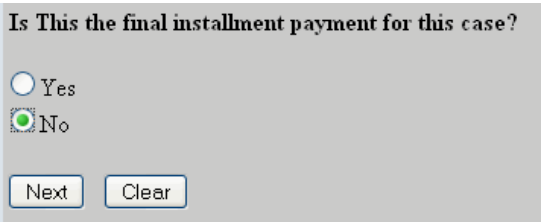


Step 7 **Important Message** – When paying the **final** installment payment, make sure the payment is the exact amount due. Click **Next**

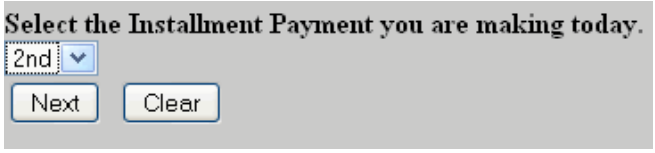


Making the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Installment Payment (Steps 8-12)

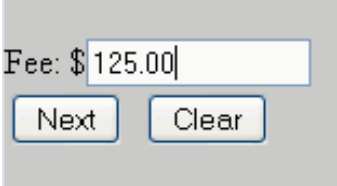
Step 8 When the payment is not the final installment, select **No** then click **Next**



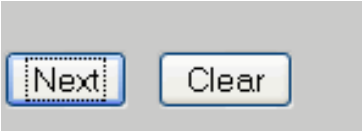
Step 9 From the drop-down list, select the installment type (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) , click **Next**



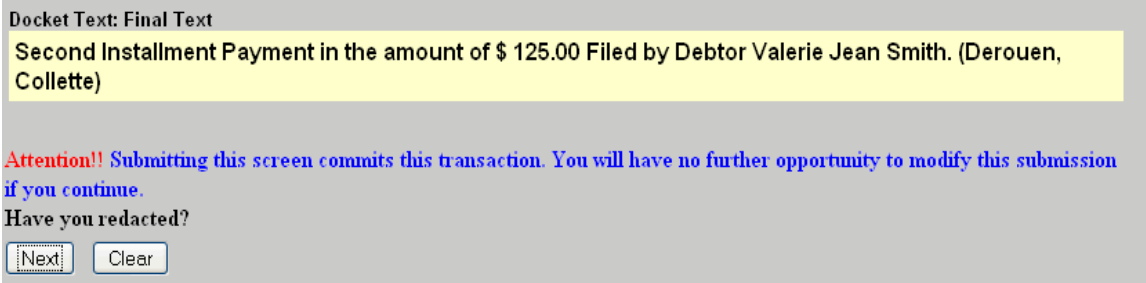
Step 10 In the **Fee** field input the payment amount, click **Next**



Step 11 Click **Next** to continue

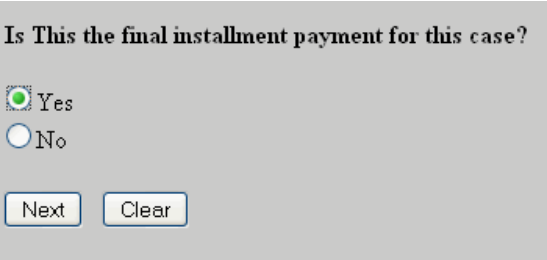


Step 12 **Docket Text: Final Text** screen – Verify the installment type (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) and payment amount are correct. If not correct, abort the event and start over. If correct, click **Next** to complete the installment payment transaction.

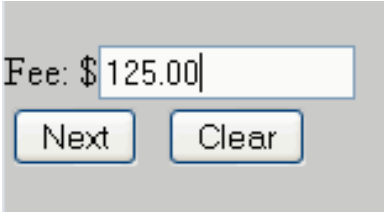


Making the Final Installment Payment (Steps 13-16)

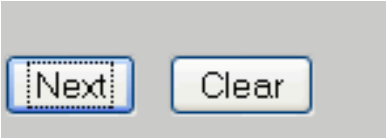
Step 13 Final Installment Payment, select **Yes**, click **Next**



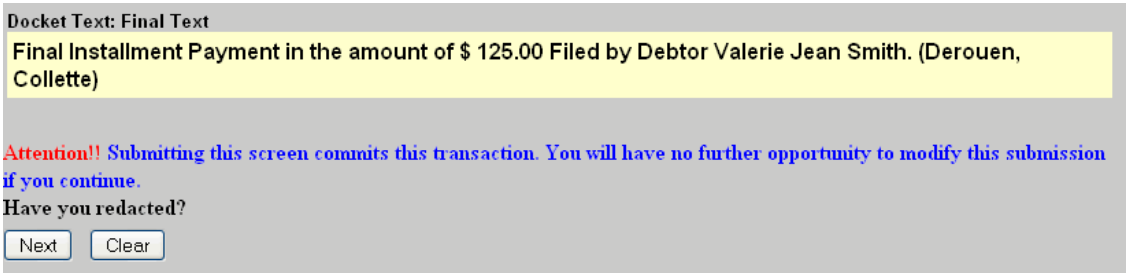
Step 14 In the **Fee** field input the payment amount. Important: Verify the amount is correct. Over payments are non-refundable, click **Next**



Step 15 Click **Next** to Continue



Step 16 **Docket Text: Final Text** screen – Verify the final payment amount is correct. If not correct, abort the event and start over. If correct, click **Next** to finish the installment payment transaction.



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Filing Fee Payments

ECF Users must pay all filing fees for ECF transactions through their PACER account.

PACER accepts payment via credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover), debit card (Visa or MasterCard), or by checking and savings account (ACH payment).

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For additional information see *Chapter 2 ECF Payment of Filing Fees* in the *Administration Procedures for Electronic Case Filing*. The Administrative Procedures is available for download from the Court's Web site www.mssb.uscourts.gov under the **Electronic Case Filing** tab.

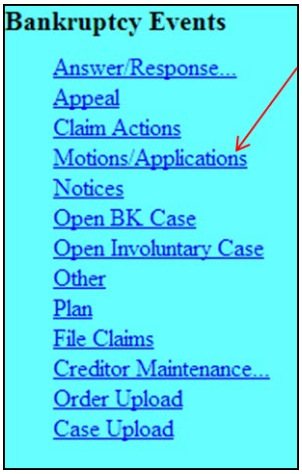
Section 5

Filing a Motion

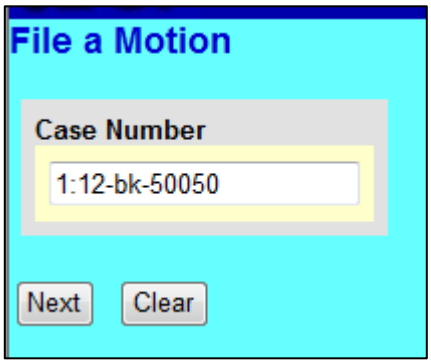
When filing a motion, regardless of the type of motion, the user will see that most of the screens will be the same. Filing a motion that seeks multiple reliefs may require the filer to select multiple docket events.

Example: Motion for Relief from Stay, Co-Debtor Stay, and Abandonment.

Step 1 Under Bankruptcy Event Category select **Motions/Applications**



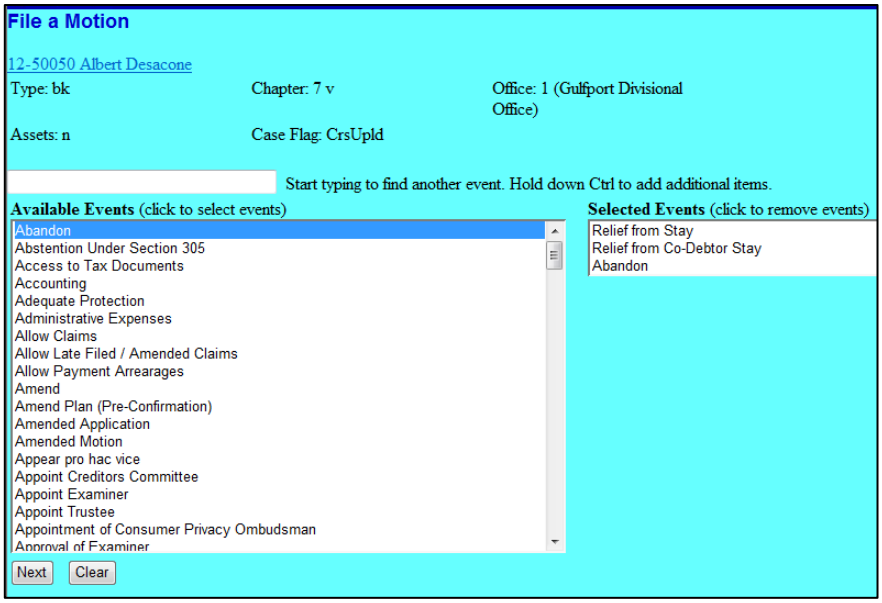
Step 2 Input **Case Number**, click **Next**



Step 3 Select multiple events: When clicking on each event, make sure to press and hold down the Control (Ctrl) key. Select the events in the following order:

- Relief from Stay
- Relief from Co-Debtor Stay
- Abandon

The events will appear under the **Selected Events** column on the right. Click **Next**



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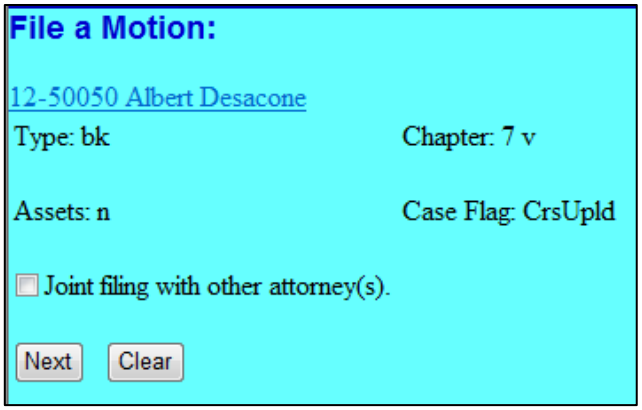
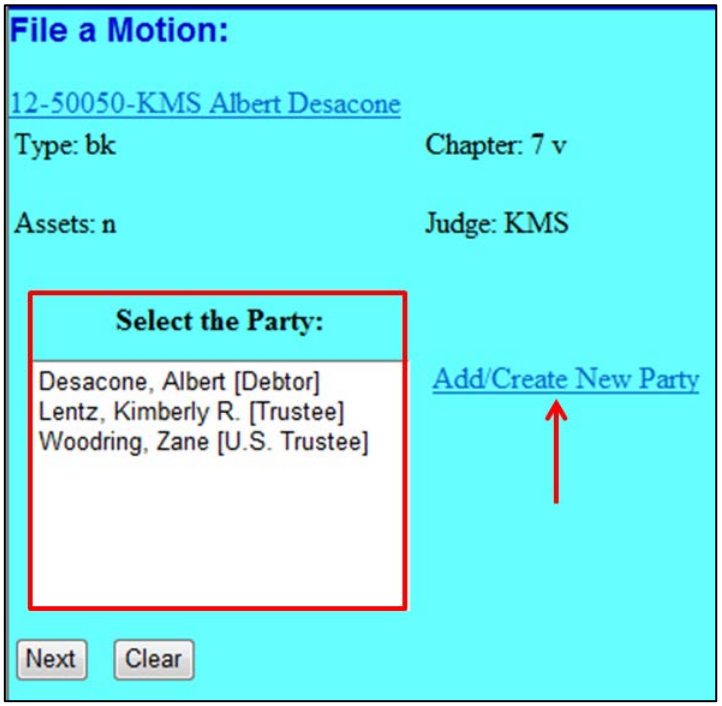
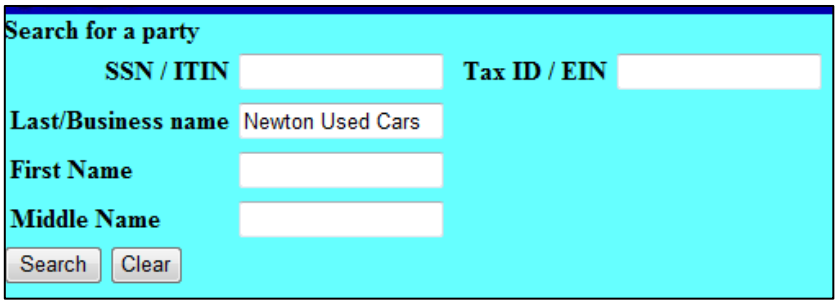


Step 5 **Select the Party:** Select the party represented by the filing attorney from the list. If the party is not listed, select **Add/Create New Party**. For training purposes select the link to add the party.

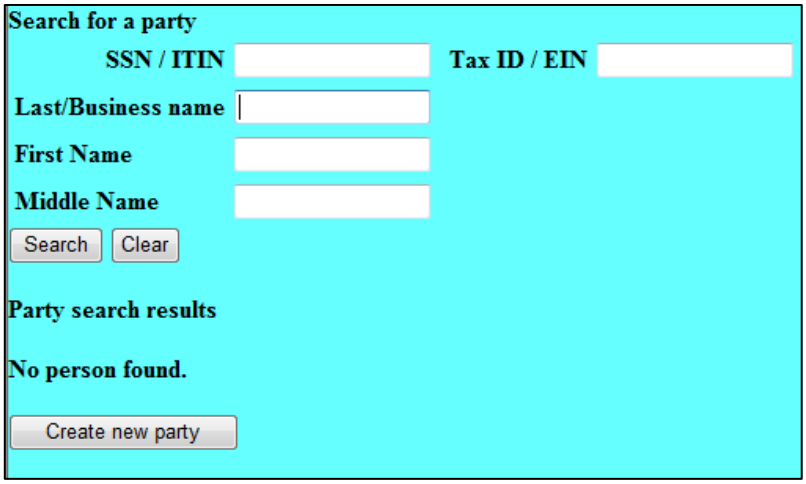


Step 6 For a business entity, using upper case and lower-case letters, enter the name of the entity in the **Last/Business name** field, click **Submit**

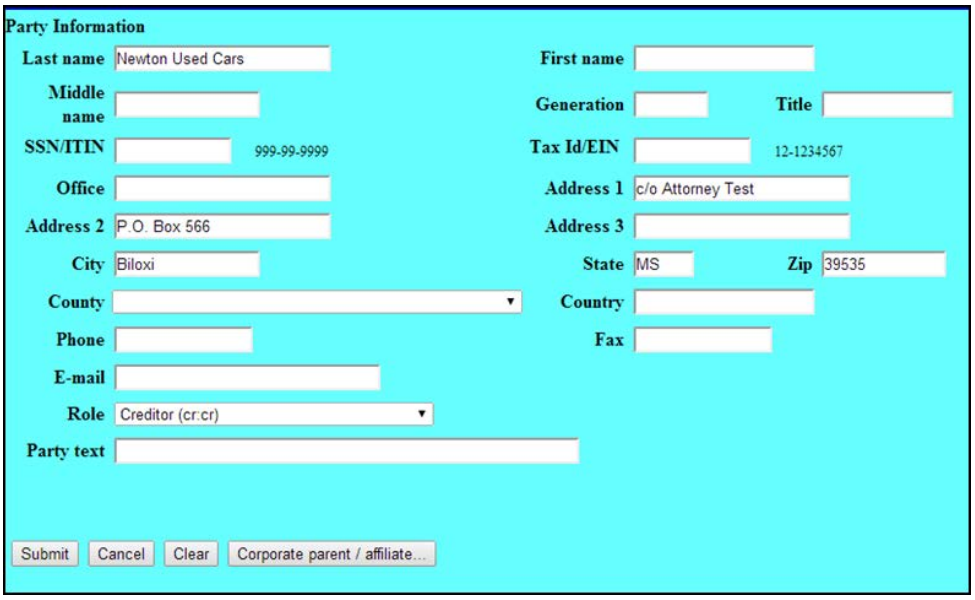
DO NOT USE a party record when the name is not an exact match as your client's.



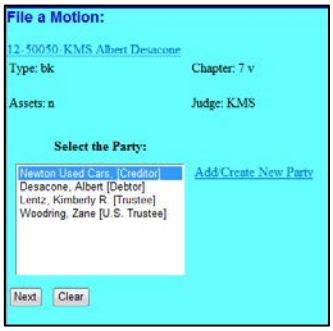
Step 7 When party search results **No person found**, click **Create New Party**



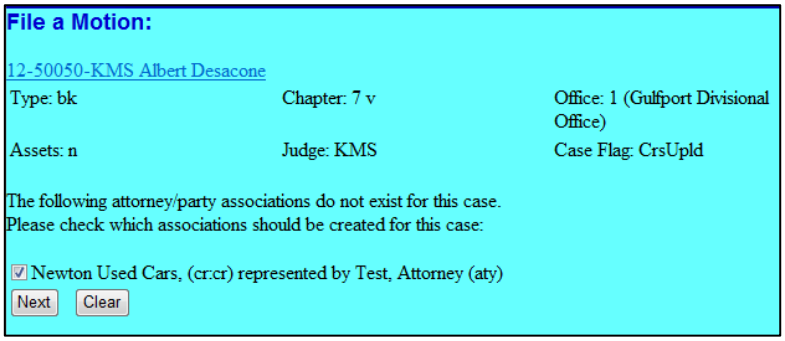
Step 8 For the party's address enter your mailing address – care of yourself. (See below example). Change **Role** to **Creditor**, click **Submit**



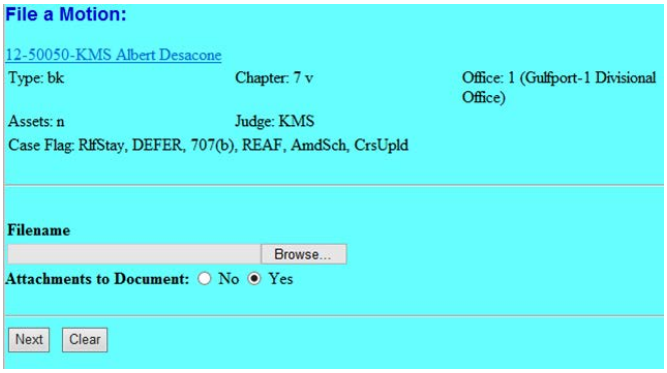
Step 9 **Select the Party:** Select the party you represent *(the party should be highlighted),* click **Next**.



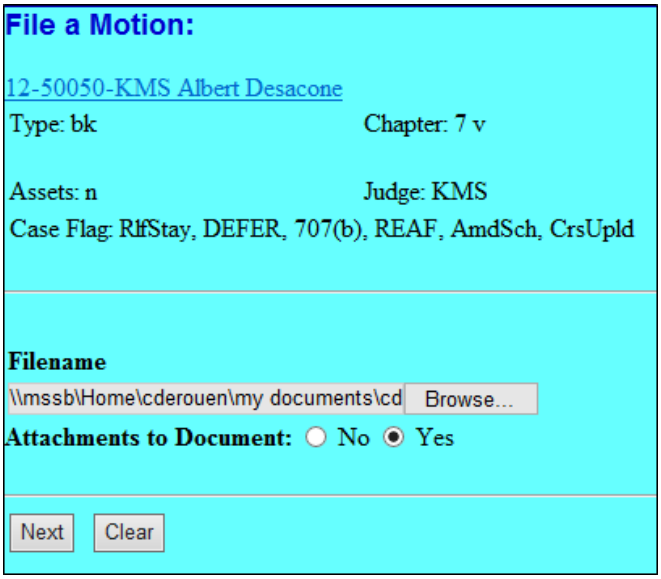
Step 10 **Party/Attorney Association:** To make the party/attorney association check the box. Click **Next**



Step 11a **Filename**: Browse and attach the PDF document associated with the motion.



Step 11b **Attachments to Document**: Select "**Yes**". Click **Next**



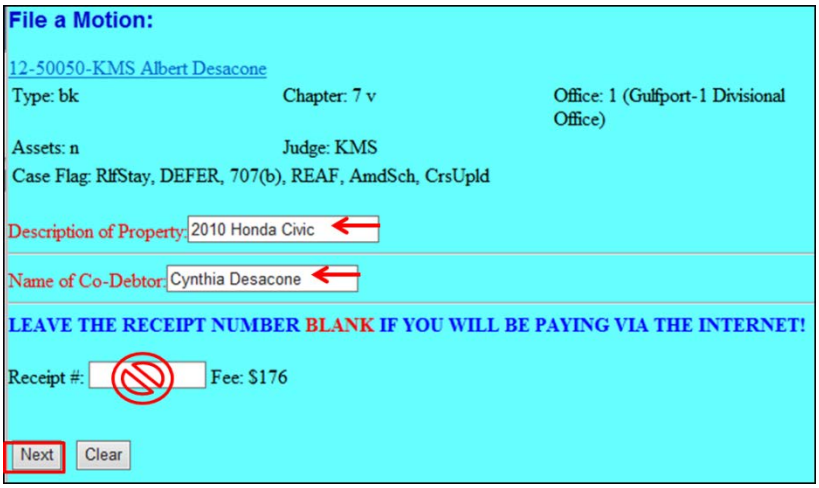
Filename:

1) Browse and attach the PDF document associated with the proposed order.
2) Category – select "Proposed Order"
3) Click **Add to List**. Click **Next**

Step 12 Message regarding Relinquishments. Click **Next**

Step 13

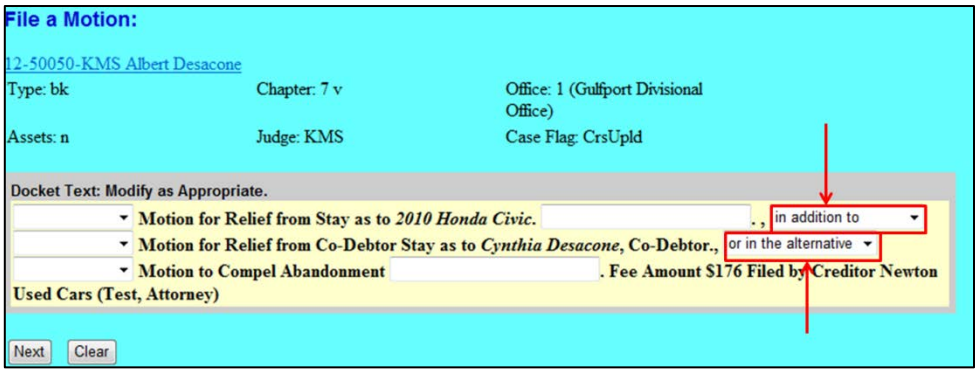
Description of Property: Enter property;
Name of Co-Debtor: Enter co-debtor's name.
Filing Fee: Verify one fee is being charged. Leave the **Receipt #** field blank.
You are required to pay the filing fee via the internet.
Click **Next**.



Step 14

Docket Text: Because three events were selected there are three docket text fields to review. Review docket text and add additional information needed.
Click **Next**

Note: Prefix drop-down list, no selection for original motions
Additional text drop-down box at the end of the event; select the appropriate relief request:
in addition to or ***in the alternative***.



Step 15 **Final Docket Text**. Review the final docket text. Click **Next** to continue.

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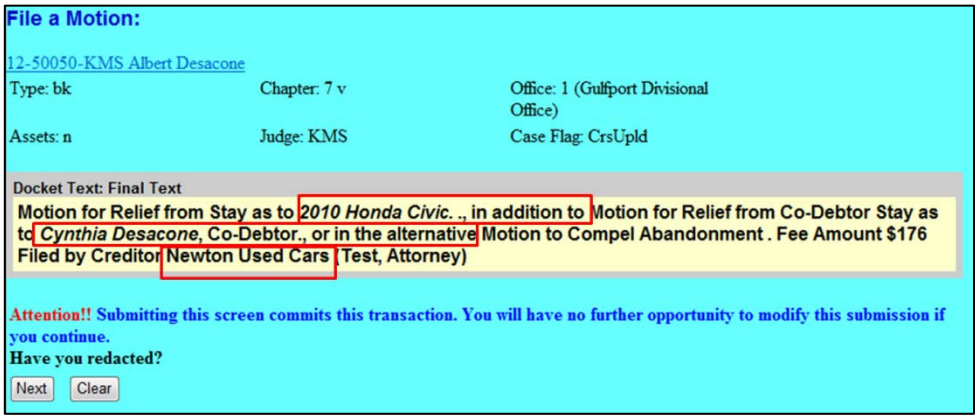
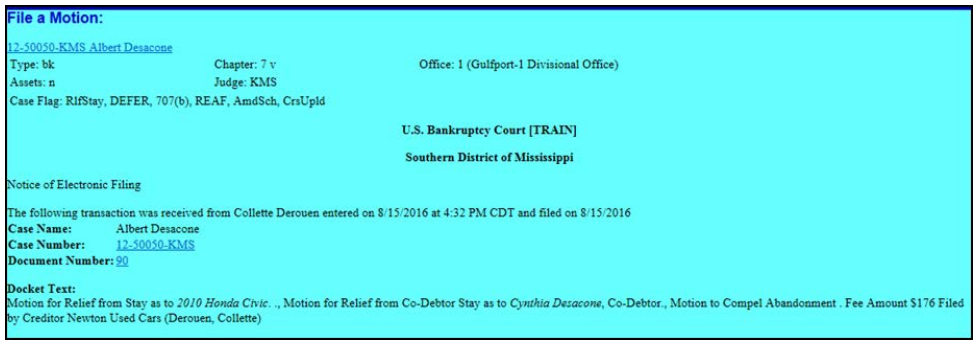


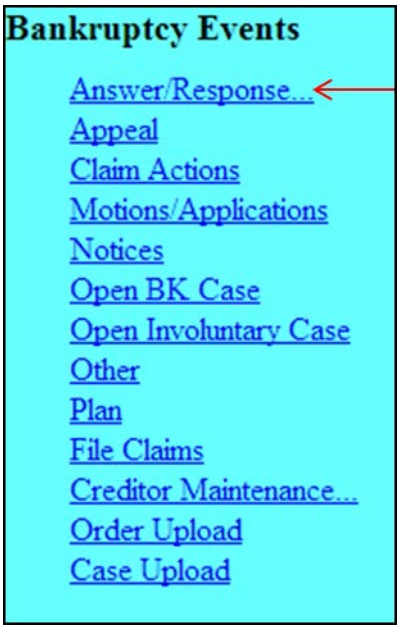
Step 16 **Notice of Electronic Filing** screen



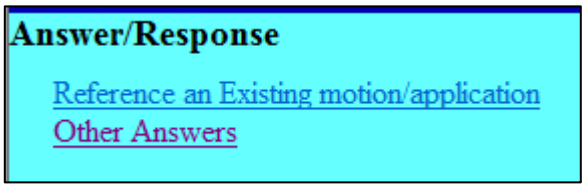
Section 6

Filing a Response

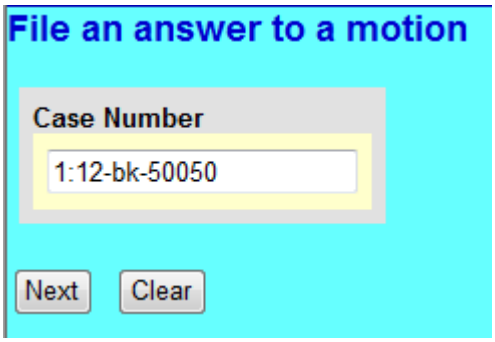
Step 1 Under Bankruptcy Event Category select **Answer/Response**



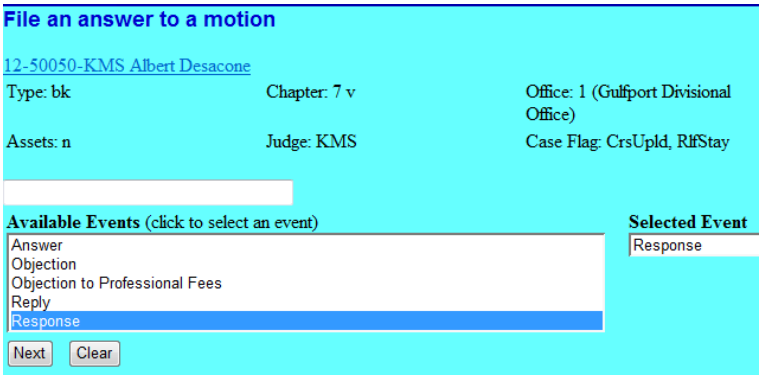
Step 2 Click **Reference an Existing motion/application**
Other Answers is selected when filing an answer to an involuntary petition.



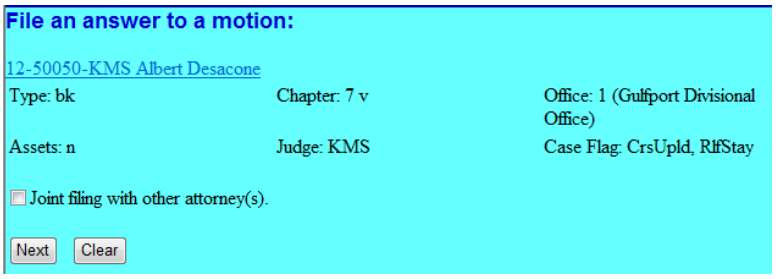
Step 3 Input the **Case Number**, click **Next**.



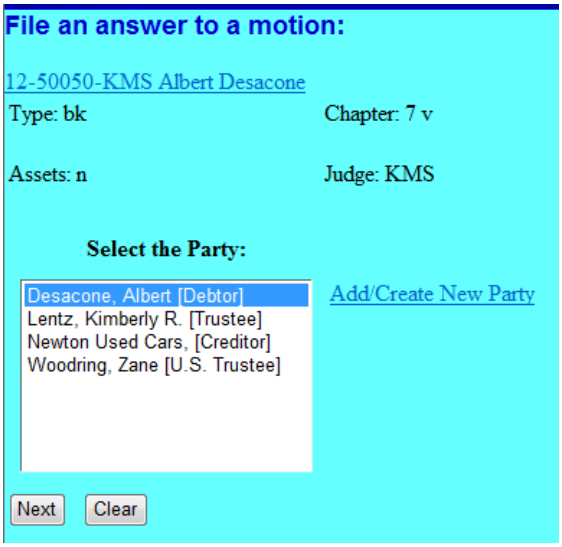
Step 4 Select the applicable docket event, click **Next**



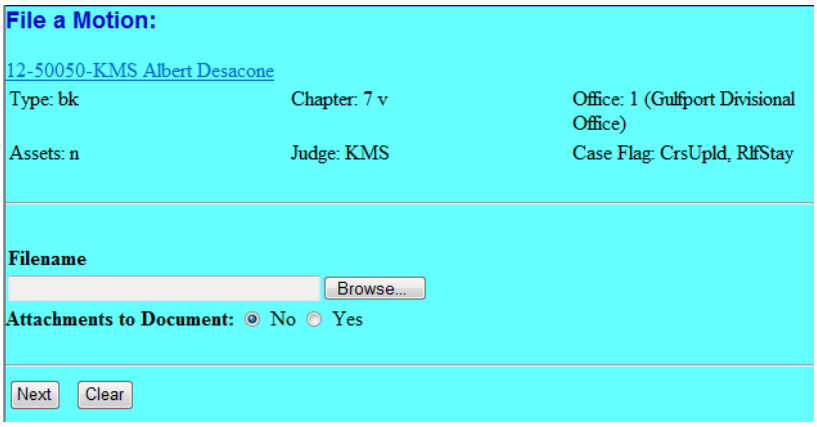
Step 5 **Joint filing with other attorney(s)**. Only check this box if this is a joint filing, click **Next**



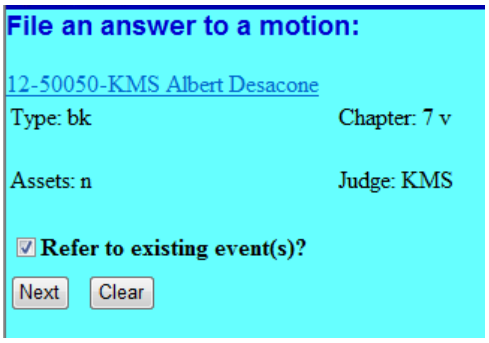
Step 6 **Select the Party:** Select the party filing the answer/response. If the party is not listed, select **Add/Create New Party**.



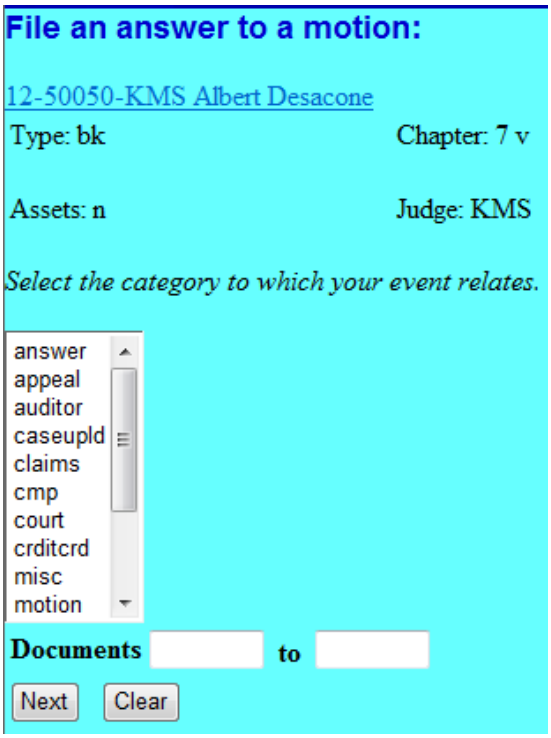
Step 7 **Filename**: Attach the PDF document associated with the answer/response, click **Next**



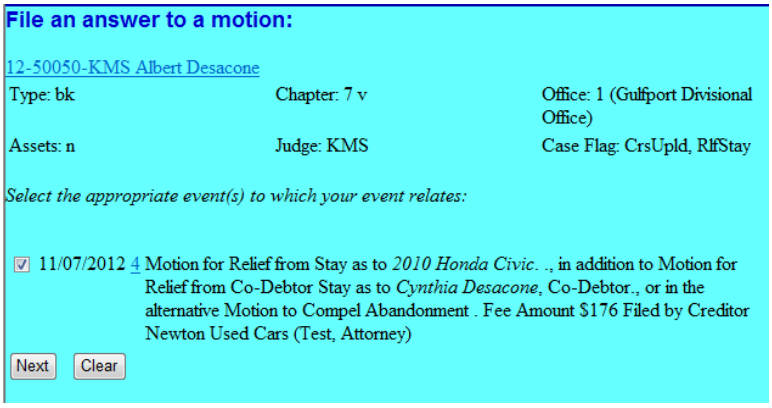
Step 8 Check the box **Refer to existing event(s)?**, **c**lick **Next**



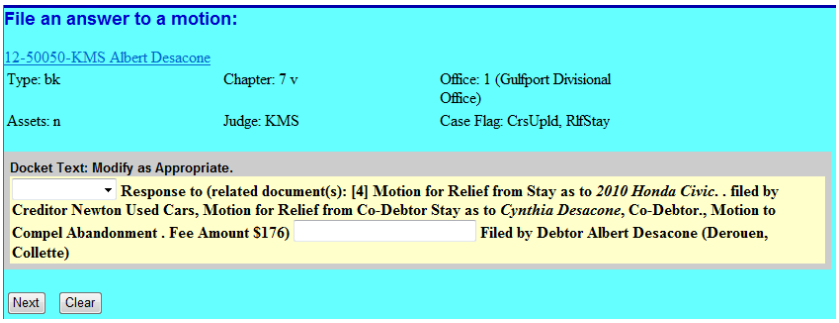
Step 9 **Select the category to which you event relates**. If you are unsure of the category, select all the categories, click **Next**.



Step 10 **Select the appropriate event(s) to which your event relates**, click **Next**



Step 11 **Docket Text.** Prefix drop-down list and a text field to include any additional information, click **Next**.



Step 12 **Final Docket Text**. Review the final docket text, click **Next** to continue.

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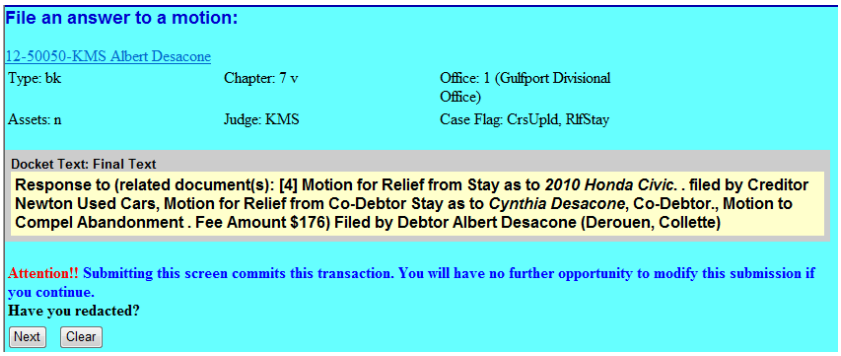


Step 13 **Notice of Electronic Filing** screen

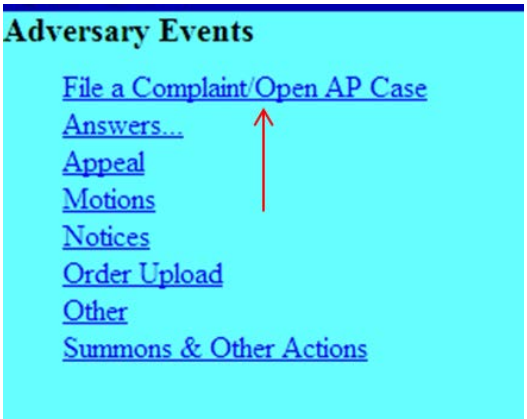
Section 7

Filing an Adversary Complaint

Step 1 Log in the ECF filing system. See Section 2

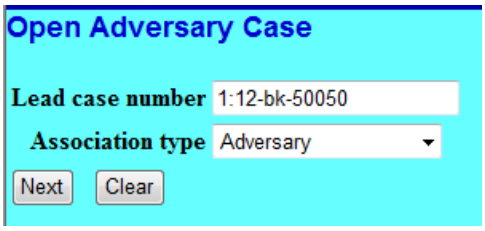
Step 2 From the main menu bar, click **Adversary**

Step 3 Click **File a Complaint/Open AP Case**

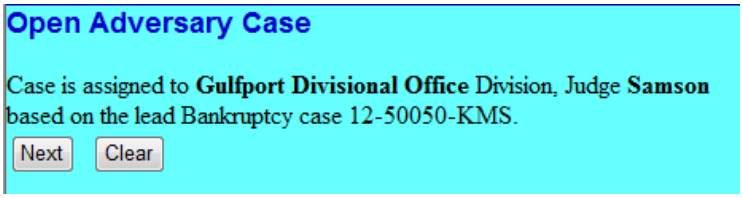


Step 4 Select **y** for Complaint or **n** for pleading other than Complaint, such as a Notice of Removal, click **Next**

Step 5 Enter the lead bankruptcy case number; the **Association type** will remain as Adversary, click **Next**



Step 6 The **Divisional office and Judge assignment** screen appear, click **Next**



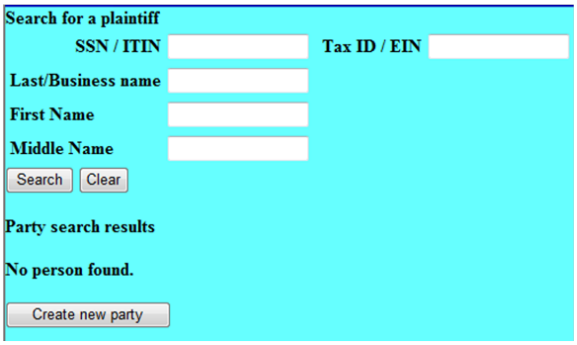
Note: The adversary is assigned based on the lead bankruptcy case.

Step 7 The **Search for a plaintiff** screen displays. In the **Last/Business name** field enter the Last Name or Business Name of the plaintiff. *(Search using upper and lower case letters, i.e., Doe, John M. Do not use special characters such as parentheses, brackets, or percent symbols)*, click **Search**

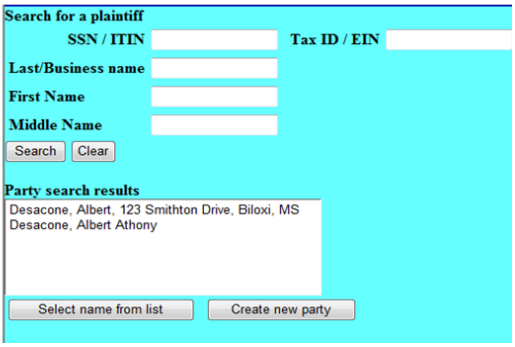
When the information does not match the complaint or a **No person found** message is displayed, click **Create a new party.**

If the party is found, click on the party's name and verify the information in the pop-up box.

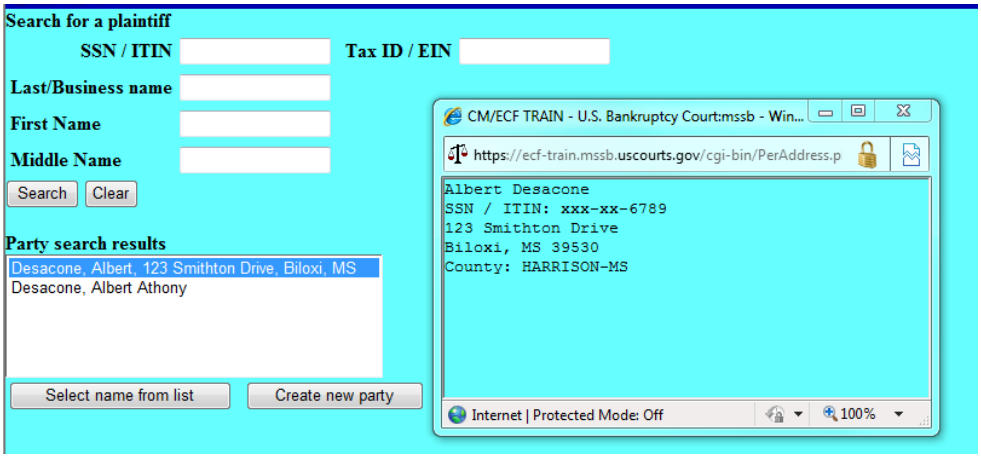
Search for plaintiff no record found



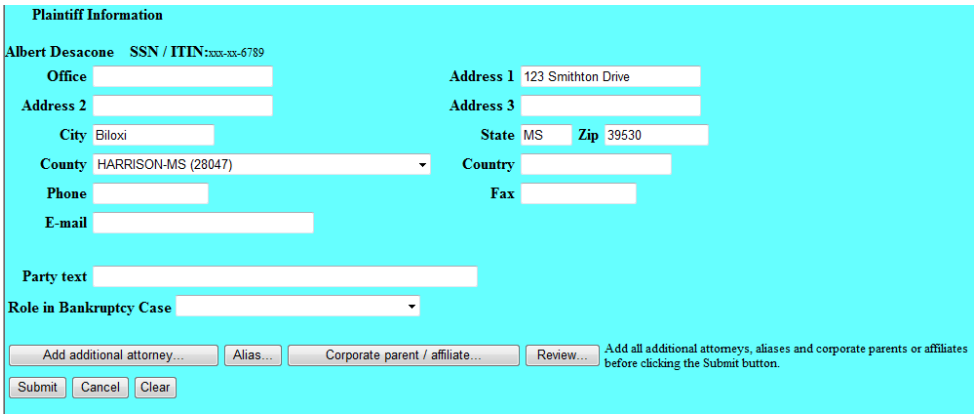
Search for plaintiff party record found



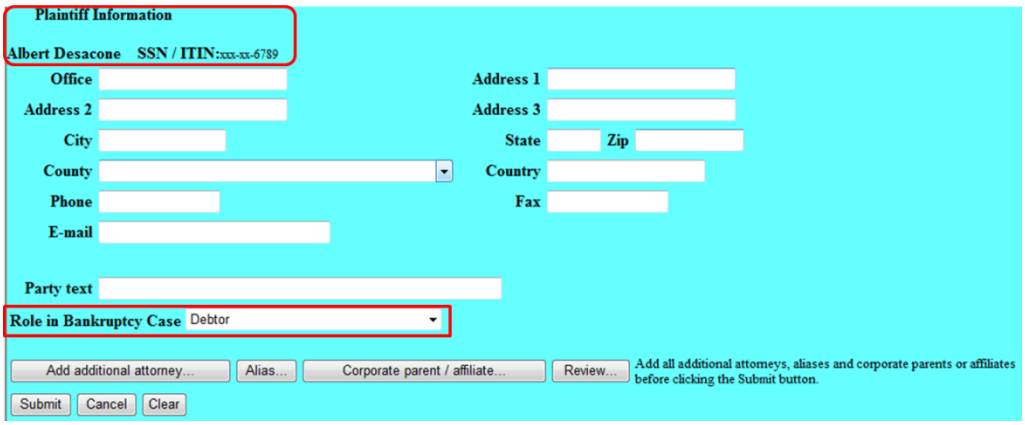
If the search results in a party record found, click on the name (highlighting the name) and verify the information is correct in the pop-up box. If it is an exact match from the complaint, click **Select Name from list.**



If a party is selected with address information (e.g., address, phone number, email), remove the information (including the county code). The Clerk's Office maintains addresses.



Select the **Role in Bankruptcy Case** from the drop-down menu.



Role in Bankruptcy Case: you must select a role type;

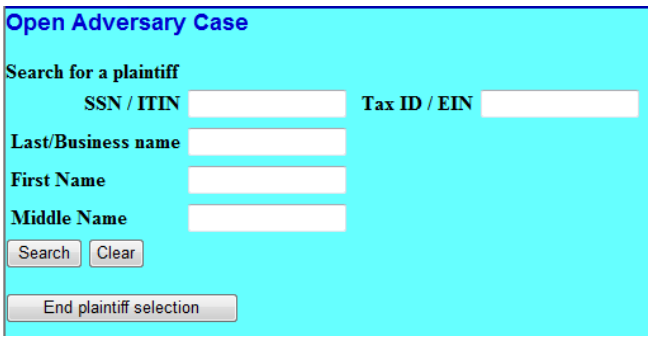
Add additional attorney: If you are filing the complaint joint with another attorney, click to add the attorney association;

Alias: If the party has an alias, click add the alias;

Corporate parent/affiliate…: If the plaintiff is a corporation and has a corporate parent or affiliate, click to add the corporate information.

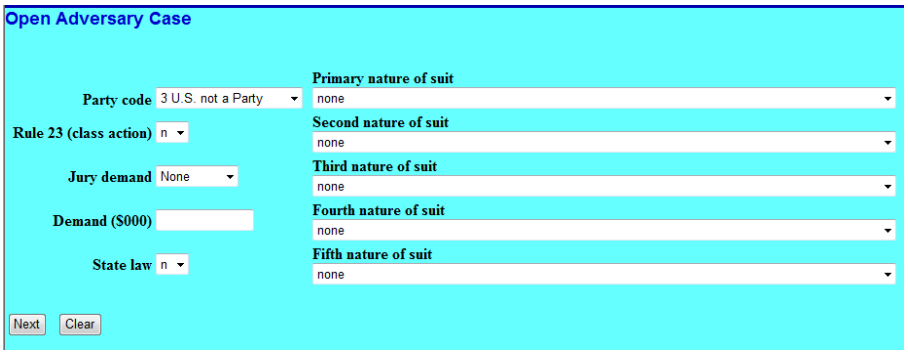
Review after entering the information click review to verify that information is correct then click **Return to Party screen**

The computer will again ask for another plaintiff. At this point, you may either add another plaintiff or click **End plaintiff selection**.



Step 8 When the **Search for a defendant** screen appears; follow the same steps for searching for a defendant as searching for a plaintiff. Once you are finished, review and click **Submit**. After you have entered all defendants, click **End defendant selection**.

Step 9 On the next screen, select the appropriate information for each box. It is very important that you select the Party code and Nature of suit. Click “Next.



For the **Party code** drop-down box, the system defaults to **3 U.S. not a Party;** make the appropriate selection: **1US is a Plaintiff**; **2US is a Defendant**; **3US is not a Party**

For the **Rule 23 (class action)** drop-down box, the system defaults to **n.** The options are **n**(o) or **y**(es).

For the **Jury demand** drop-down box, the system defaults to **None.** Options are **both**; **defendant**; **none**; **plaintiff**.

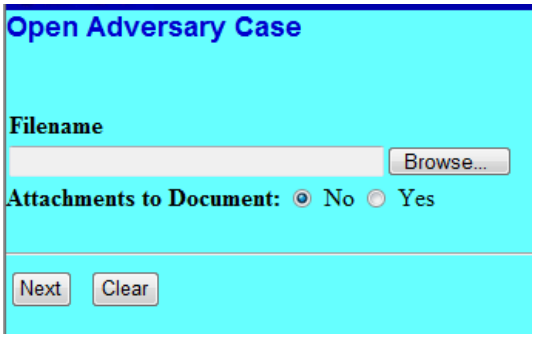
In the **Demand (000)** box, enter the amount of damages the complaint is seeking. The numbers you enter will represent thousands of dollars. For example, entering “50” in the box will represent $50,000.

For the **State law** drop-down box, the system defaults to **n**. Options are **n**(o) or **y**(es).

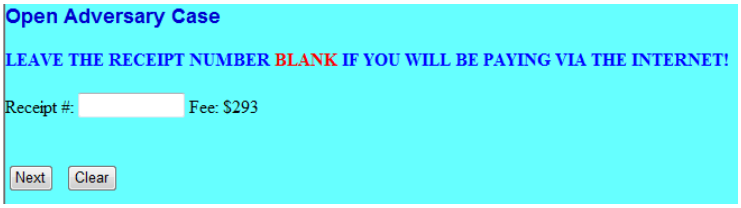
For **Nature of suits**, the user may select up to five different natures of suits. When the complaint is filed with multiple “nature of suits” and one suit is regarding objection or revocation of discharge, always select **41 (Objection / revocation of discharge – 727(c), (d), (e))** as the primary nature of suit.

Step 10 The system will prompt the user to upload the complaint (PDF document.), click **Next**.

Note: The adversary cover sheet should be filed as an attachment. If the cover sheet is omitted, file the cover sheet as a separate document using the docket event: Adversary> Other> Adversary Cover Sheet (Form 1040)



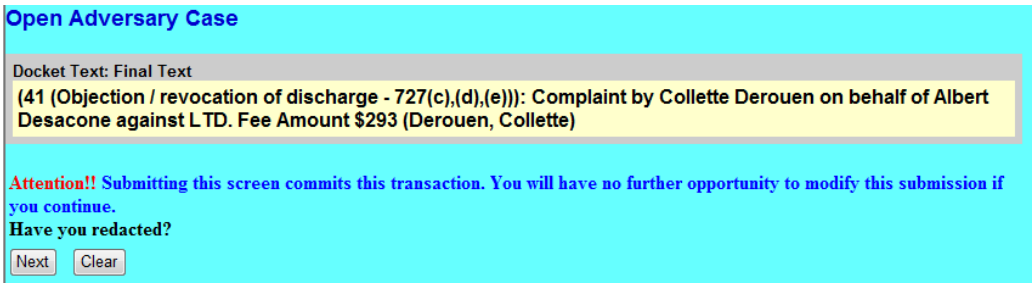
Step 11 The next screen will display a message for a receipt number. The screen will instruct you to leave the receipt number box blank if you are paying via the internet . Click **Next**.



**Note: If the plaintiff is exempted or qualifies for fee deferments enter "Deferred" or "Exempt" in the receipt field. If you are unsure contact the Clerk's office.*

Step 12 On the next screen, click **Next**.

Step 13 **Final Docket Text** screen. Proof this screen carefully, this is your last chance to abort this transaction. To abort this transaction, click on any option from the CM/ECF main menu bar. Verify information is correct, click Next



Step 14a The **Summary of current charges** window will pop up. The filing fee may be paid now, or you may continue filing and pay accumulated fees all-at-once by the end of the day. Click Pay Now to pay filing fee or click Continue Filing to continue filing and pay accumulated at the end of the day.

Step 14b The **Notice of Electronic Filing** screen provides the new Adversary case number. You can print this page for your records. The case numbers and document numbers are hyperlinks to the specific case and document.

Open Adversary Case

U.S. Bankruptcy Court [TRAIN]

Southern District of Mississippi

Notice of Electronic Filing

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Case Number: 12-50050-KMS
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12-05008 Notice will be electronically mailed to:

Collette Derouen on behalf of Plaintiff Albert Desacone
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LTD

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Attorney Test on behalf of Creditor Newton Used Cars
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Zane Woodring
Woodring, Kraft & Miller
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Boston, MA 02144

Section 8

ECF e-Orders

Technical Requirements

Proposed orders uploaded in the ECF system must be submitted in PDF format. No security should be applied to the PDF file. It is recommended that orders be created using a word processing application such as Word and saved to PDF rather than scanning a copy of the document. This makes the order legible and results in a text-searchable document.

Formatting Requirements

1. 8 ½ x 11 standard paper size.

   The ECF system will not accept a PDF document with one or more pages exceeding the standard page size limit. The ECF system will return a failure message ending the upload process.

   "FAILURE: Your PDF document has one or more pages that exceeds the standard page size limit and cannot be accepted until fixed."

2. Margins

	First Page	Subsequent Pages
	Top 3"	Top 1"
	Bottom 1"	Bottom 1"

3. End of Order:

   - Include an ending notation signifying the entire body of the proposed order is included. Below the last paragraph:
     - Insert one blank line
     - Insert *##END OF ORDER##* and center it.
   - Do not include the text "*So Ordered*"
   - Do not include judge's signature line *(See example on next page)*.

4. Proposed order must identify the related document and its docket number, if available. See Miss. Bankr. L.R. 9004-1(b).

5. Proposed order must provide the submitting attorney's name, complete address, telephone number, email address, and Miss. Bar number or state and bar number in which the attorney is a member. See Miss. Bankr. L.R. 5005-1(a)(2)(H).

6. Proposed order and <u>all</u> exhibits must be uploaded as one PDF document.

7. PDF document file size must not exceed 35MB.

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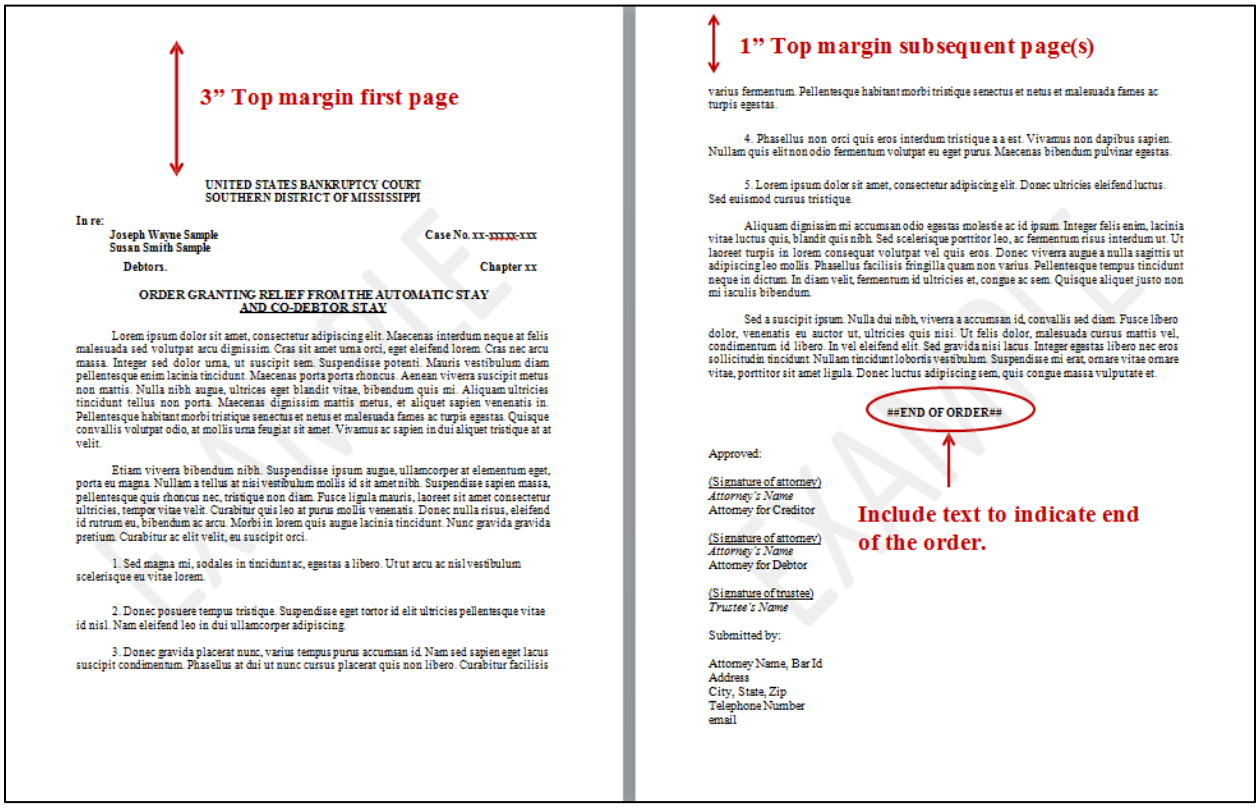

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

In re:
Joseph Wayne Sample
Susan Smith Sample
Debtors.

Case No. xx-xxxxx-xxx
Chapter xx

ORDER GRANTING RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY AND CO-DEBTOR STAY

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##END OF ORDER##

Approved:

(Signature of attorney)
Attorney's Name
Attorney for Creditor

(Signature of attorney)
Attorney's Name
Attorney for Debtor

(Signature of trustee)
Trustee's Name

Submitted by:

Attorney Name, Bar Id
Address
City, State, Zip
Telephone Number
email

Include text to indicate end of the order.

EXAMPLE

Attorney Order Upload Options

Order Types

Single Order:

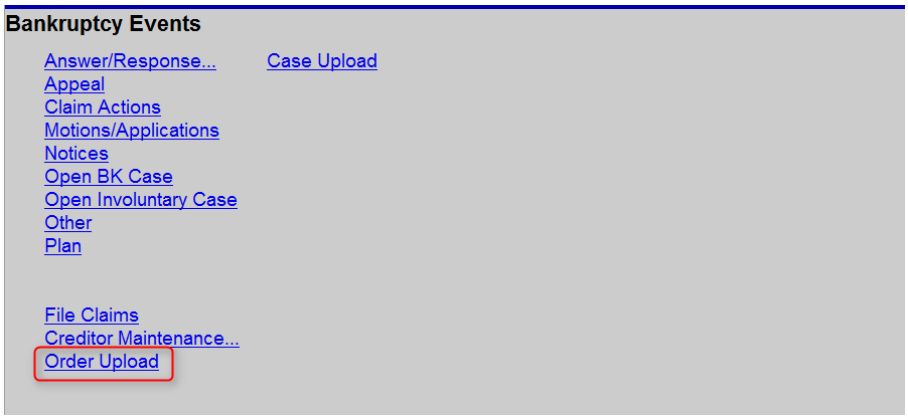
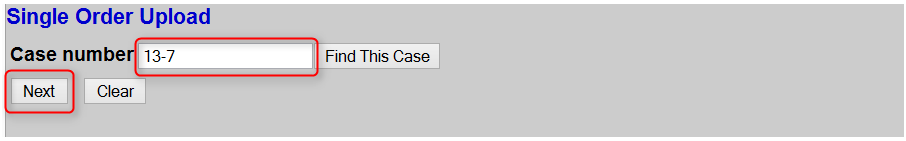
Proposed orders related to a document / pleading filed in a case and is the disposing/final order.

Sua Sponte Order:

Proposed orders not related to a document / pleading in a case or the proposed order relates to a document / pleading filed in a case but is not the disposing/final order.

Single Order Upload

- Available under **Bankruptcy** and **Adversary** menus
- Requires the proposed order be related to a matter/pleading filed in a case.
- Use when the proposed order is the final order concluding a related matter/pleading filed in a case.

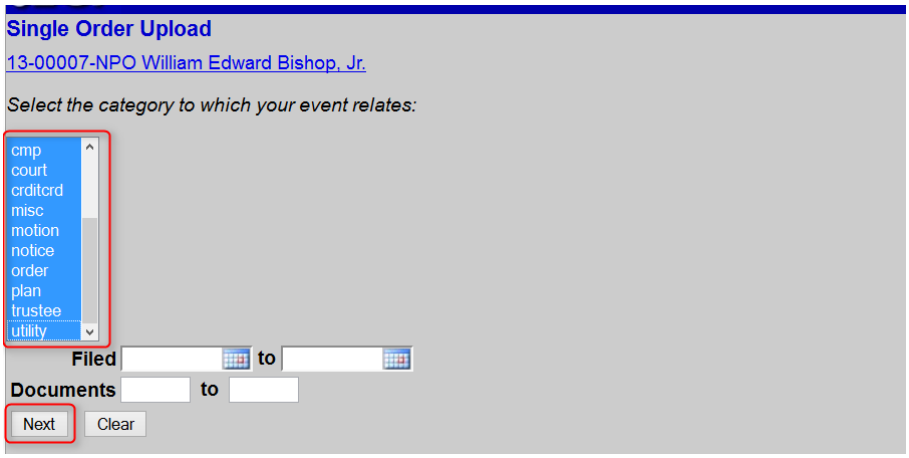
1. Select **Bankruptcy** > **Order Upload** Adversary proceeding select **Adversary** > **Order Upload**	
2. Select **Single Order Upload**	
3. Input case number; click **Next**	
4a. Input related document number; click **Next** *If unknown leave blank.*	

4b.

A related document number is required. The search screen displays when Step 4a is blank.

*Select a document category; click **Next**

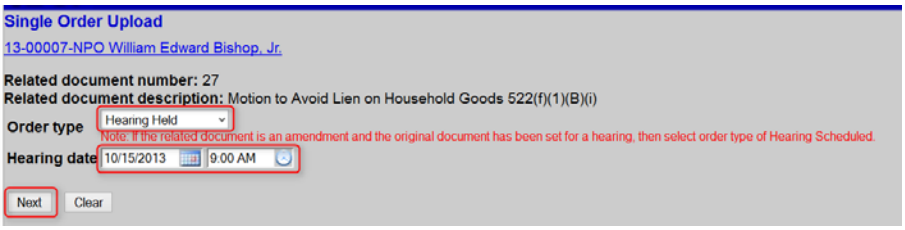
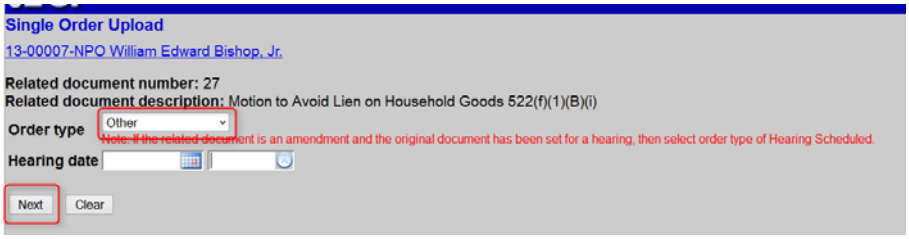
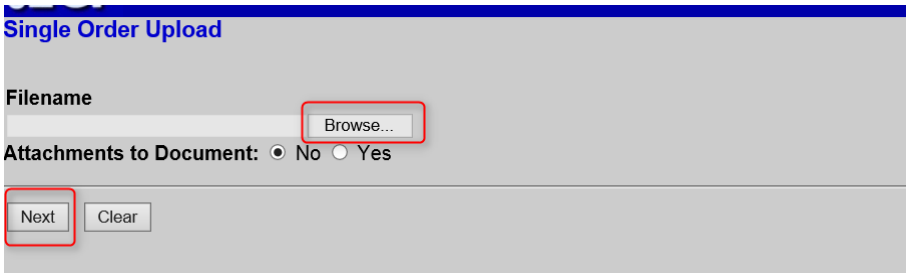
If the category is unknown select all categories.

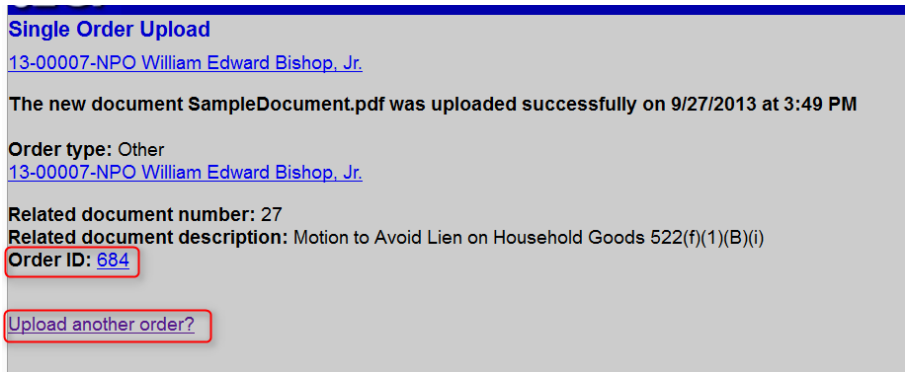


4c.

*Click the box next to the related document; click **Next**

Select one entry.

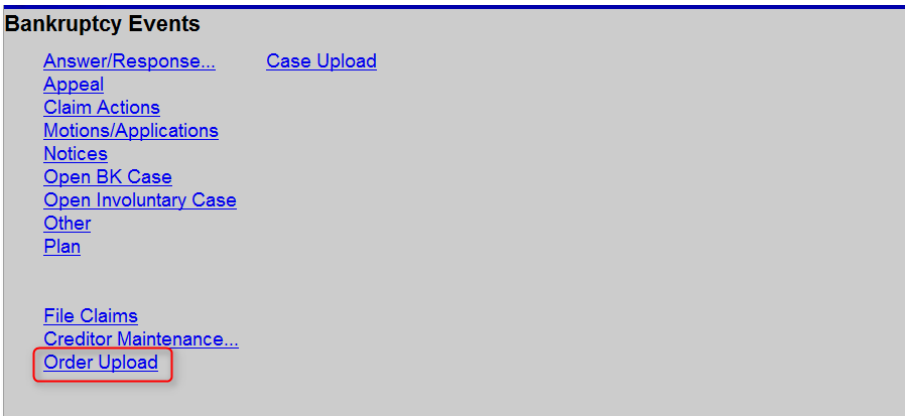
5. Select **Order type** Input a hearing date and time when the **Order type** is *Hearing Scheduled* **or** *Hearing Held* Click **Next**	Example with hearing information  Example without hearing information 
Order types	**Agreed Order** – Proposed order signed by all parties and a hearing was not scheduled or held. **Hearing Held** – Proposed order resulting from a previous hearing. **Hearing Scheduled** – Proposed order requiring a hearing. **Other** – Any other type of proposed order.
6. Click **Browse** to attach proposed order; click **Next** ***Do not upload attachments***	

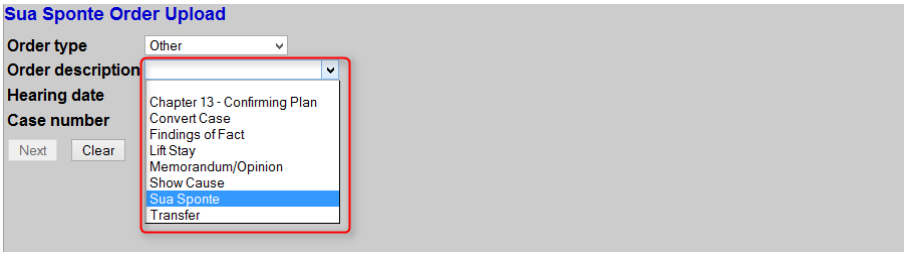
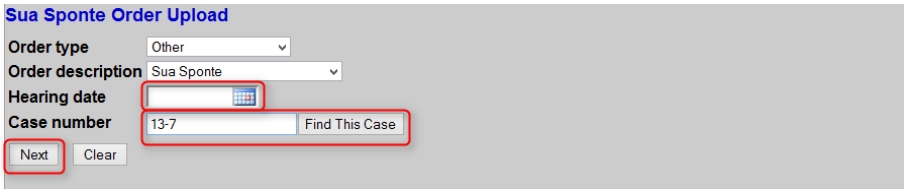
7. The order upload confirmation screen displays the **Order Id #** assigned to the proposed order. To view the proposed order, click the order ID number. To submit another order click **Upload another order?**	

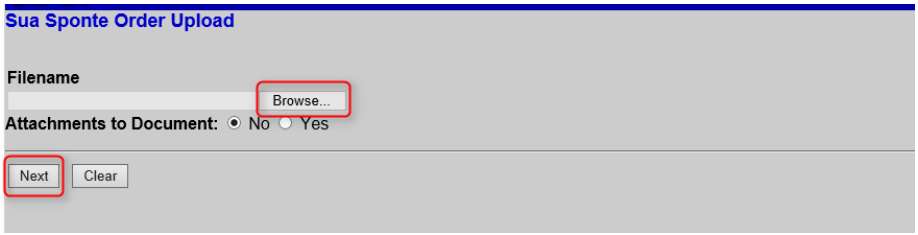
Sua Sponte Order Upload

Available under **Bankruptcy** and **Adversary** menus

The proposed order does not relate to a document/pleading filed in the case or the proposed order relates to a document/pleading filed in a case but is not the final order concluding the proceeding.

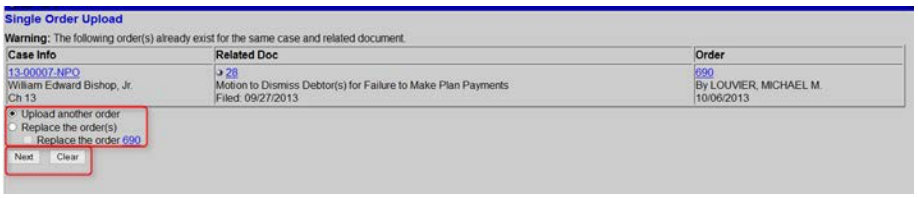
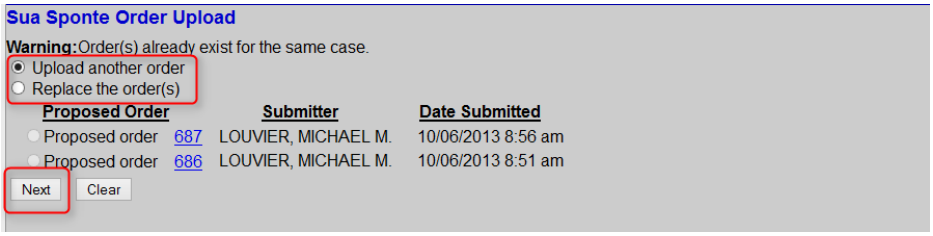
1. Select **Bankruptcy** > **Order Upload** Adversary proceeding select **Adversary** > **Order Upload**	

2. Select **Sua Sponte Order Upload**	
3a. Select **Order type**	
Order types	**Agreed Order** – Proposed order signed by all parties and a hearing was not scheduled or held. **Hearing Held** – Proposed order resulting from a previous hearing. **Hearing Scheduled** – Proposed order requiring a hearing. **Other** – Any other type of proposed order.
3b. Select **Order Description**	
3c. Input hearing date *(if applicable)* Input case number; click **Next**	

4. Click **Next**	
5. Click **Browse** to attach proposed order; click **Next** ***Do not upload attachments***	
6. The order upload confirmation screen displays with **Order Id #** assigned to the proposed order. To view the proposed order, click the order ID number. To upload another order click **Upload another order?**	

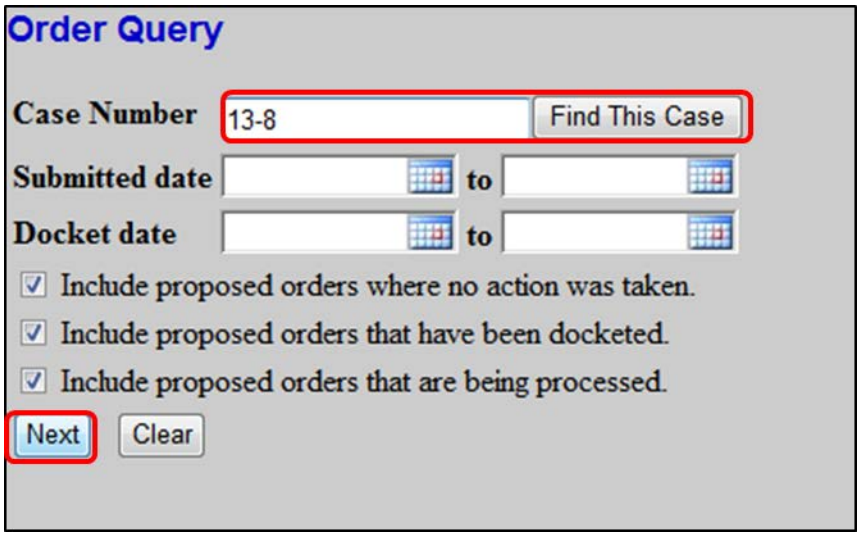
Replacing or Uploading an Additional Order

Occasionally you may need to replace a proposed order or submit a second order. The replacement and upload another order process are similar to the standard upload process with an additional step outlined below.

Single Order Upload	After the related docket entry is selected and when a proposed order already exists related to the same entry, the screen below displays.
Select **Upload another order** or **Replace the order(s)** *selecting proposed order(s) to replace*; click **Next**	
Sua Sponte Order Upload	The below screen displays after inputting the case number. Although the *Upload another order* and *Replace the order(s)* look slightly different, the basic operation is the same.
Select **Upload another order** or **Replace the order(s)** *proposed order(s) to replace*; click **Next**	

Proposed Order Status

The *Order Query* report is used to check the status of a proposed order uploaded to ECF. Note: The status report displays proposed orders uploaded by the specific ECF User generating the report.

Select **Reports > Order Query**	
Criteria Options: • Case Number • Submitted date range • Docket date range Select options; click **Next**	
Order Query Options:	**Include proposed orders where no action was taken** - displays replaced or rejected orders. **Include proposed orders that have been docketed** - displays orders that were signed and docketed. **Include proposed order that are being processed** - displays submitted orders awaiting review or signature and entry.

Report Information:

Case Number	Order Description
Related Document	Date uploaded

Order ID #
Order Type

Name of Submitter
Status

Show 10 lines at a time Refresh

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→	Case Number x	Related Doc# x	Order x	Type x	Description x	Submission Date x	Submitter x	Status x
1	08-00005-ee Wendy Smith	15	476	Suspense (21-day obj)	Motion to Increase/Decrease Payment Into Plan	04/25/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-10-19 10:02:56
2	11-00036-NPO Fred K. C. Price		548	Other	Release of Wages	05/14/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-10-21 09:51:31
3	11-00199-ee Henry Bennett		550	Other	Wage Order - Amended	05/14/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	No Action Taken 10/21/2013
4	11-00211-ee Angelica Brown		549	Other	Release of Wages	05/14/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Being Processed
5	12-00001-ee MACK KENNINGTON, JR and Mary J Kennington		345	Other	Wage Order - Amended	04/02/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-04-09 10:21:40
6	12-00004-ee ALICE MARCELLA BROWN		553	Other	Wage Order	05/14/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-05-16 09:22:31
7	12-00004-ee ALICE MARCELLA BROWN		593	Other	Wage Order - Amended	05/16/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-05-16 11:48:18
8	12-00009-ee Almeia Bolden Woods		552	Other	Wage Order	05/14/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-05-16 09:23:03
9	12-00108-ee DORIS ANN COLEMAN		592	Other	Wage Order - Amended	05/16/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	No Action Taken 10/21/2013
10	12-00108-ee DORIS ANN COLEMAN		610	Other	Chapter 13 - Confirming Plan	05/17/2013	Henley, James L. Jr.	Docketed 2013-05-17 12:36:59

Status Categories:

- Being Processed
  (pending approval)
- Docketed
  (signed and processed)
- No Action taken
  (replaced or rejected)

Status x

Docketed 2013-10-19 10:02:56

Docketed 2013-10-21 09:51:31

No Action Taken 10/21/2013

Being Processed

Docketed 2013-04-09 10:21:40

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Docketed 2013-05-16 11:48:18

Docketed 2013-05-16 09:23:03

No Action Taken 10/21/2013

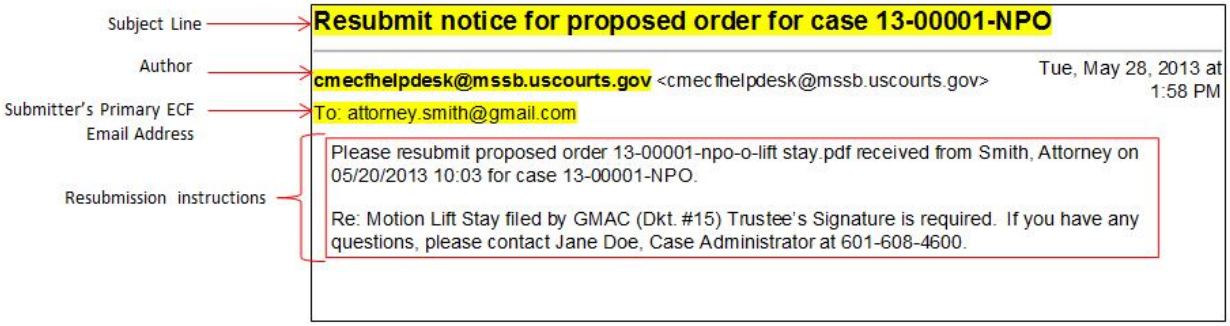
Docketed 2013-05-17 12:36:59

Resubmission Notification

When a new or revised order is required, the ECF system will generate an email to the individual that uploaded the proposed order to the ECF system. The resubmission notification is emailed to the individual's ECF **primary** email address associated with his/her ECF user account.

Important: Any secondary email address associated with the ECF user's account **will not** receive resubmission email notifications.

As with all emails from the Court, ECF users are responsible for monitoring resubmission notifications; expeditiously taking action to satisfy the request; and making certain deadlines for submitting proposed orders are met.



Section 9

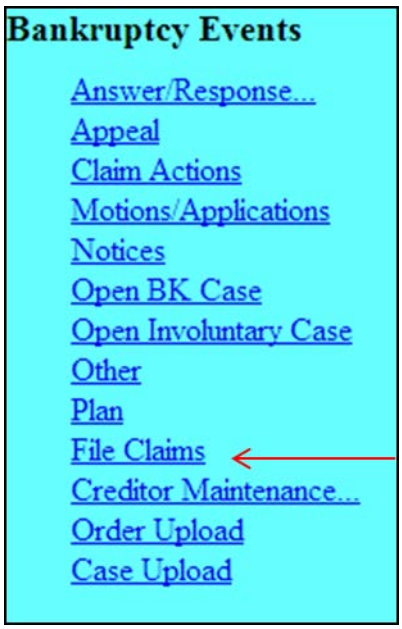
Filing Proof of Claim

A proof of claim filed by a creditor that designates a mailing address constitutes a filed request to mail notices to that address. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(g)(1)(A)

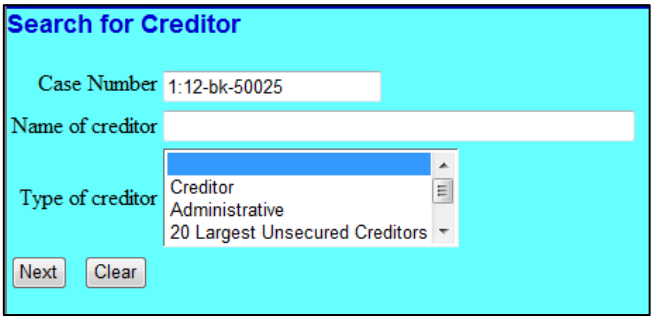
Step 1 Log in the ECF system. See Section 2

Step 2 From the main menu bar, click **Bankruptcy**

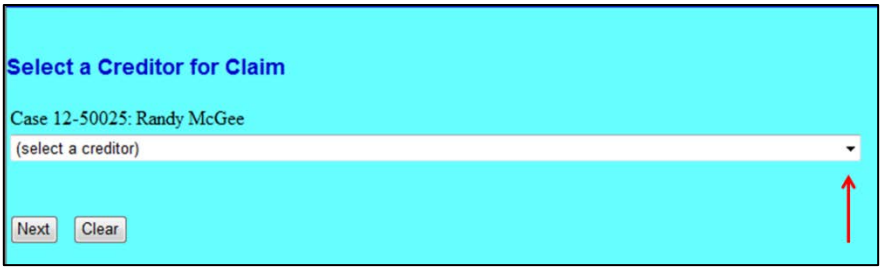
Step 3 Click **File Claims**

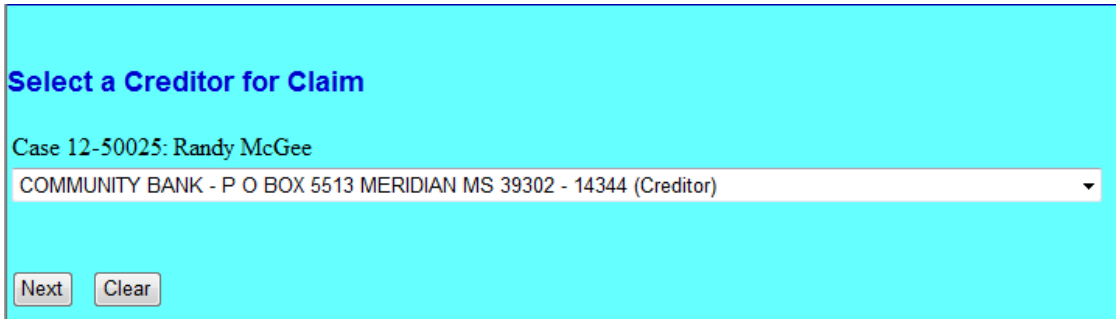


Step 4 **Search for Creditor:** Enter the case number, name of creditor, and choose the type of creditor. For a list of all the creditors, leave the **Name of creditor** and **Type of creditor** field blank, click **Next.**



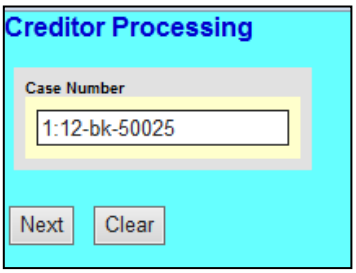
Step 5 **Select Creditor**: Click the down arrow to view all creditors that have been added to that case. Click the creditor for which you are filing this claim and click **Next**.





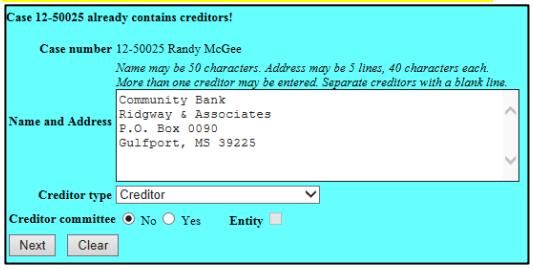
If the creditor's information is not listed **exactly** as it appears on your proof of claim, click **Add Creditor** (See 5as to add a creditor).

Step 5a On next screen enter case number, click **Next**.

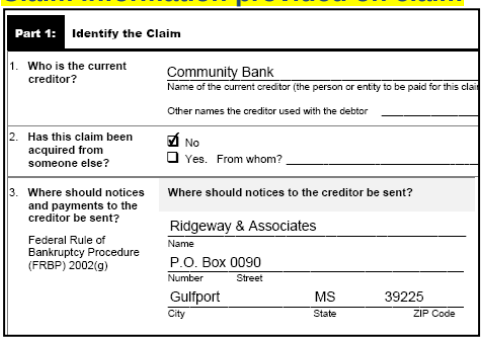


Enter the Creditor's name (from claim form Part 1 Line 1). Below the creditor's name enter the **noticing** information (from claim form Part 1 Line 3) and click **Next**.

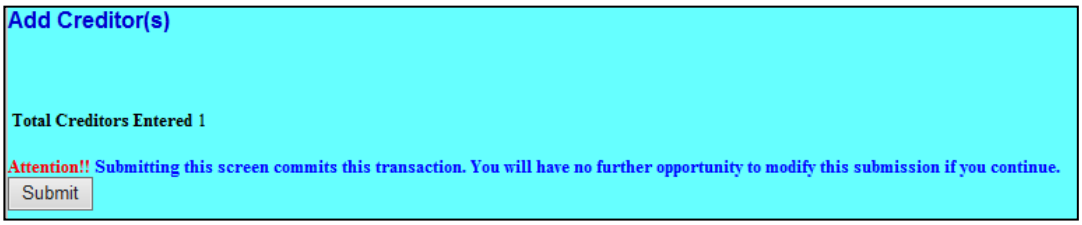
Creditor information added to the case



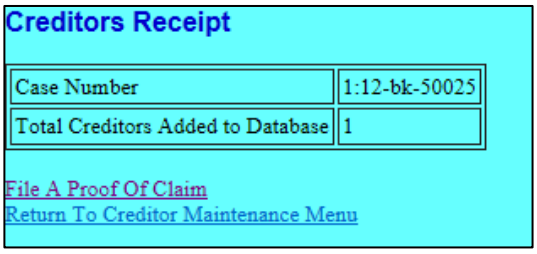
Claim information provided on claim



Click **Submit** on the next screen to add the creditor.

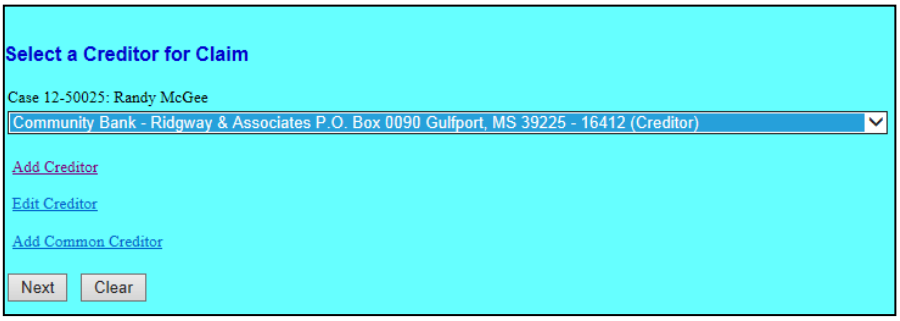


The Creditor Receipt screen appears; click on **File a Proof of Claim**.

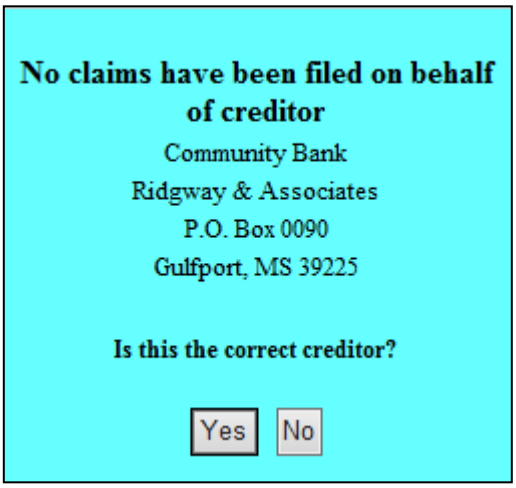


At the next screen (Search for a Creditor) verify case number; click Next

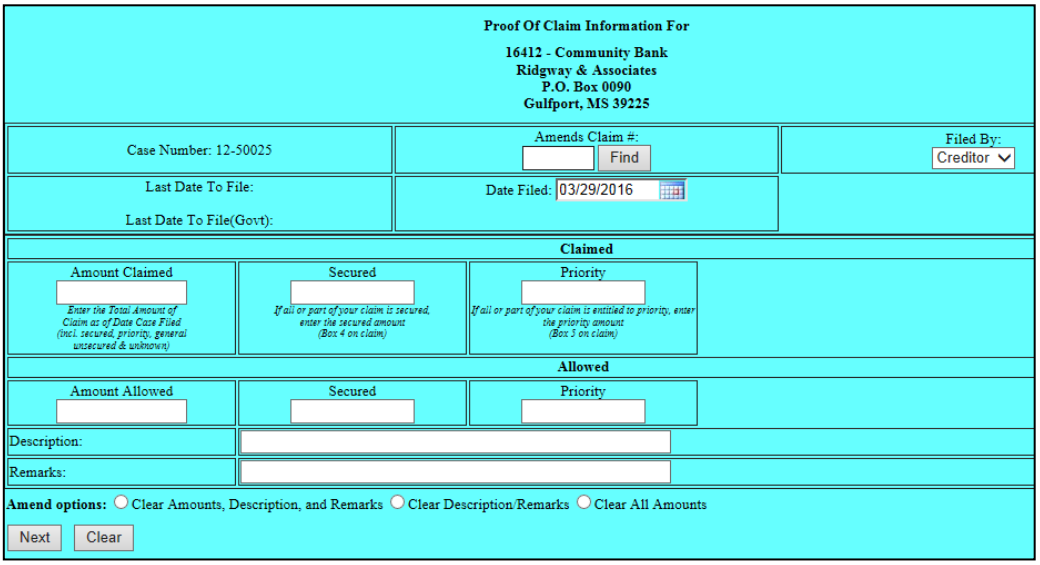
Step 6 **Select Creditor**: Select the creditor for which you are filing this claim and click **Next**.



Creditor Verification screen. A dialog box appears asking if the selected creditor is correct, click **Yes**.



Proof of Claim Information screen. Enter the information that is provided on the claim and then click **Next**.



Amends Claim #: <u>When filing an amended claim</u>, click **Find** to display filed claims. To view the creditor's address hover the cursor over the creditor's name or claim; select the creditor by name or claim number. The values from the original claim will populate on the next screen; update the information provided on the amended claim.

Filed by: Select the type of person filing the claim.

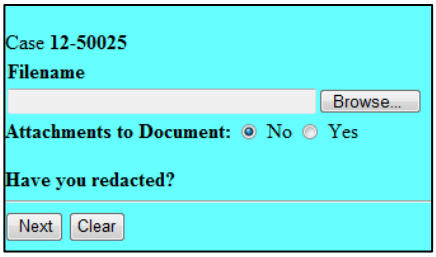
Claimed: Enter the appropriate amounts.

Description: Enter a short description of the claim *(optional)*.

Remarks: Enter any remark *(optional)*.

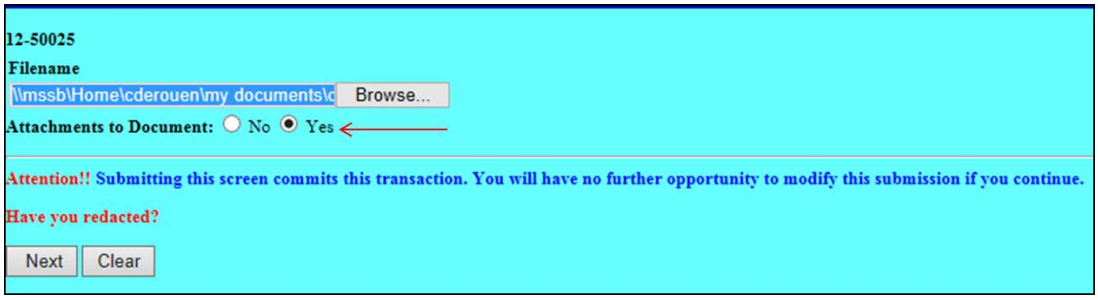
Amend options: Click a radio button to clear the values.

Step 7 On the next screen, click *Browse* and attach the PDF document of the proof of claim. If there are no additional attachments click **Next.** (See Step 7a to add attachments).

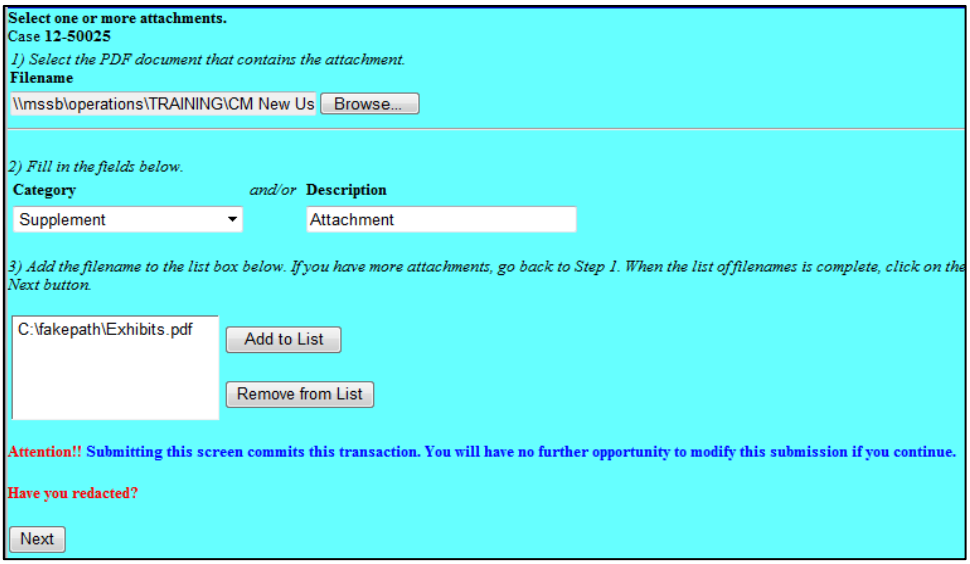


Note: Always review PDF documents before uploading in the system. The PDF should only contain the document you are filing.

Step 7a *Attachments to Document*: If there are additional attachments click the **Yes** radio button; then **Next.**



1) Browse and select the PDF document for the additional attachment.
2) Select a *Category* from the drop-down list and/or input a description in the *Description* field.
3) Click *Add to list*. Repeat the process for additional attachments and click **Next** when all attachments are uploaded.



Step 8 **Notice of Electronic Claims Filing** screen: Provides a link to the document, case docket, and claims register.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court [TRAIN]

Southern District of Mississippi

Notice of Electronic Claims Filing

The following transaction was received from Derouen, Collette on 3/29/2016 at 12:35 PM CDT

File another claim

Case Name:	Randy McGee
Case Number:	12-50025
Creditor Name:	Community Bank Ridgway & Associates P.O. Box 0090 Gulfport, MS 39225
Claim Number:	8 Claims Register

Amount Claimed: $500.00
Amount Secured:
Amount Priority:

The following document(s) are associated with this transaction:

12-50025 Notice will be electronically mailed to:

12-50025 Notice will not be electronically mailed to:

Citibank
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Citizens Bank
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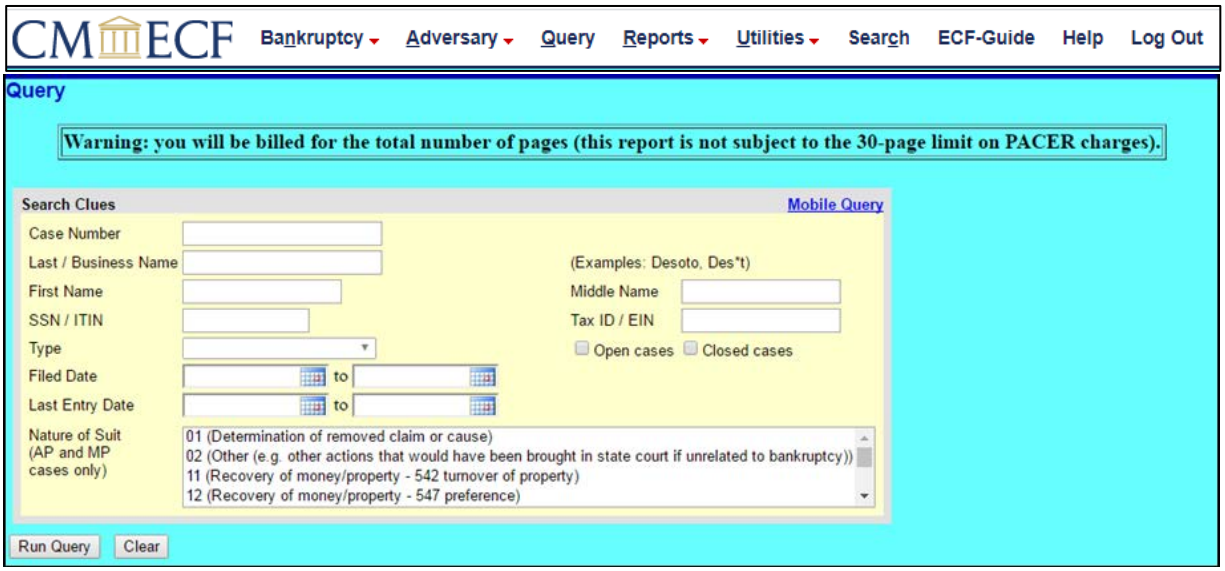
Section 10

Query

The Query function allows the user to view a variety of data categories and reports for individual cases, such as docket report, filers, or associated cases. Note: Searching by a name is NOT case sensitive.

To enter a query, click **Query** from the ECF Menu bar.



You may query the ECF database by:

- case number
- last name
- Social Security number
- Tax ID Number. or Employer Identification Number.

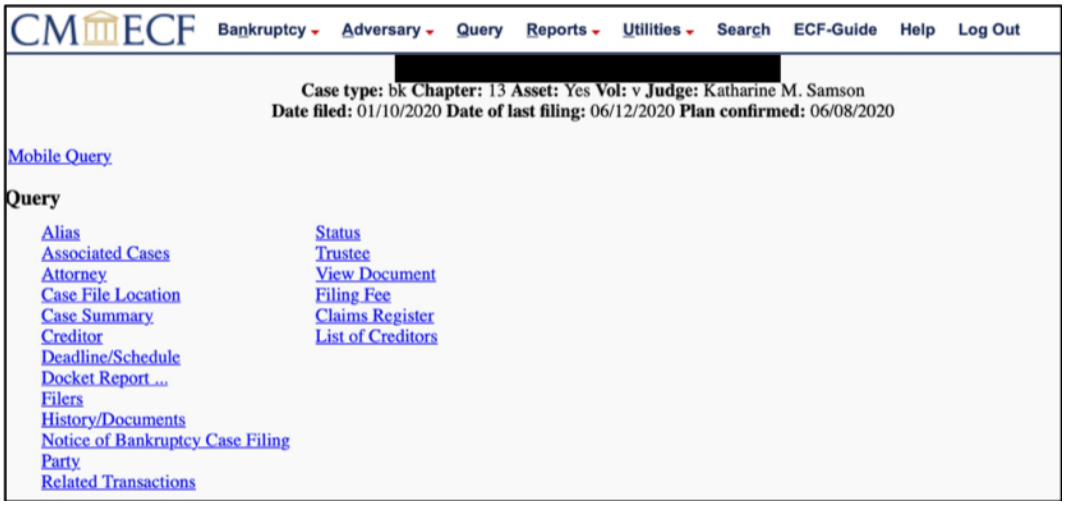
Search by Case Number

If you know the case number, enter the number in the Case Number field (formatted xx-xxxxx) and click the [Find This Case] button. Then click the [Run Query] button. ECF displays the Query screen.

Search by Name

Enter the last name of the person in the Last/Business Name field. At least two letters are required unless the person whose name is being searched has a single-character last name, in which case only exact matches are returned. If the individual is a party to more than one case, ECF will display a screen listing all of the party's cases. Click the case number and ECF displays the query screen.

Query Screen:



Alias - Displays aliases for debtor or joint debtor.

Associated Cases – Displays associated cases and other filings by the same debtor(s).

Attorney - Displays information for attorney who represents parties to the case.

Case File Location - Displays information on the location of the case file at the Federal Record Center; Query RMS/FRC Location of Case Files (s). S.D. Miss. Bankruptcy does not currently use this option.

Case Summary - Displays case-specific information (i.e., office location, pending status, date filed, trustee, and attorney)

Creditor - Allows for query by Creditor type. Do not use this list for noticing. Use the "List of Creditors" option for noticing purposes.

Deadlines/Schedule - Displays a list of deadlines for the case. You may sort by using different fields.

Docket Report - You may select a date range for your docketing report (filed or entered), as well as a range of document numbers. If you leave the date range fields blank, ECF will default to the entire docket report. After you have selected the parameters for your report, click the [Run Report] button. ECF will run your custom docketing report and display it in a window. Click the document number to view the associated PDF.

Filers - This query lists all filers in the case. Click a filer's name to display a list of documents filed by that filer. Click the Doc. No. to view the associated PDF. Click the silver ball to display "Docket Information and Related Docket Entries."

History/Documents - This selection queries the database for case event history. You may

search by all events (history) or by only events with documents.

- Searching by “all events (history)” will display the entire history report of entries on the docket.
- Searching by “only events with documents” will only display events with a document attached.
- Checking the box “Display docket text”, displays the entries and associated docket text.

After making your selections, click [Run Query]. To view the PDF document, click the “Doc. No.” hyperlink.

Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing - Displays the Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing, commonly referred to as the “Automatic Stay.”

Party -Displays parties to the case and the name of each party’s attorney.

Related Transactions - Make your selections from the following:

- date range for filed documents (if no date entered, all documents will be listed);
- document number range (if no document number range entered, all documents will be listed);
- type of document from the drop-down list (if no type of document selected, all documents will be listed);
- pending or terminated documents sorted by filed date; entered date; or document number.

Status - Displays a list of pending or terminated status.

Trustee - Displays the case trustee’s information.

View Document - Allows you to view a document or search by a specific document number. If the document number does not contain a PDF, information will not be displayed.

Filing Fee - Displays the original case filing fee (if available), as well as information about any payments made toward the fee. If a balance is due (for a filing fee to be paid in installments or deferred), the amount due is displayed.

Claims Register - The claims register report provides a list of proofs of claims in a case. Chapter 12 and Chapter 13 proofs of claims filed prior to June 1, 2006 were filed with the case trustee therefore may be unavailable for viewing in the ECF system.

List of Creditors - Displays the name and address of the parties listed on the mailing

matrix. **This query should be used for noticing purposes.**

Section 11

Reports

The Reports feature allows the ECF user to create the following reports

Cases - Displays a summary list of cases selected by numerous criteria. The report may be pulled by the following criteria

Claims Register - The claims register report provides a list of proofs of claims in a case. Chapter 12 and Chapter 13 proofs of claims filed prior to June 1, 2006, were filed with the case trustee therefore may be unavailable for viewing in the ECF system.

Docket Report - Displays the cover page and selected docket entries for a single case. If a document range is specified, docket entries that do not have an associated document will not be displayed.

Calendar Events - Displays a date range of case(s) and calendar items matching the selection criteria.

Docket Activity – Docket Activity displays a summary of docketed events by selected criteria. Click on the case to go to the docket sheet. Click on the “Doc Id” to view the associated PDF.

List of Creditors – The List of Creditors displays the name and address of each party listed on the mailing matrix. This should be used for noticing purposes.

Professional Fees Applied for/Awarded

Professional Fees Awarded

Written Opinions - This report allows for searching for opinions by selected criteria. Click on the case to go to the docket sheet. Click on the “Doc. #” to view the associated PDF.

Order Query – This report displays the status of a proposed order uploaded to ECF.

Section 12

Utilities

Your Account

Internet Payments Due - This screen displays fees for which the filer did not complete the payment process during docketing. This is the same screen displayed when the filer clicks Pay Now at the end of a docketing transaction.

Internet Payment History - This listing includes all payments for charges incurred via the Internet, whether those payments were made via the U.S. Treasury or by other methods. The attorney may request to see payments made within a specified date range.

Maintain Your ECF Account - The initial screen displays the user's basic demographic information such as name, address, etc. To update your name or address, click the **Edit my name and address information** link. The system directs you to login your PACER account.

- Email Information button allows the user to update his or her email information.
    - Primary email address: Click the **Update my primary email address** link in the top right-hand corner of the screen. The system directs you to login in your PACER account.
    - Secondary email address: Enter additional email addresses for which you want to receive NEFs (optional). Separate email addresses with a comma.
    - Send the notices specified below:
        - to my primary email address (required)
        - to the secondary addresses in order for recipients defined in the Secondary email address above, this box must be checked.
        - Send notice in cases in which I am involved: required
        - Send notice in these additional cases: optional to receive notices in a case you are not a party. .
    - Select only one option:
        - Send notices for adversary proceedings in which I am directly involved and for their related bankruptcy cases. – Default selection.
        - **Send notices for adversary proceedings in which I am directly involved but not for their related bankruptcy cases**.

- Select only one option:
  - Send **a notice for each filing** - choose this option if you would like to receive an email for each NEF. These emails are sent immediately throughout the day.

  - **Send a Daily Summary Report** - choose this option if you would like to get a listing of all NEFs for your cases for the day. This email is generated in the evening.

  NOTE: The option chosen here applies to both the Primary and Secondary email addresses.

- Select only one option:

  - Format notices:

  - HTML - Default selection

  - Text - Some email programs require text only emails (these emails do not have any formatting such as bold, graphics, color and the font tends to be Courier).

- More User Information button takes the user to a screen with basic account information such as Login ID, whether the user is set up for internet payments, the security groups with which the user is associated, and filing agent information.

To save changes made on the "**Email Information**" or "**More user information**" screens click the "**Submit**" button on the "**Maintain User Account**" screen.

View Your Transaction Log

Screen displays all docketing transactions the ECF User made on a specific day or between a date range.

Your PACER Account

- Change Your Client Code

- Review Billing History
  - This option redirects the ECF User to the PACER Service Center.
  - The ECF User may view their history in all courts or in a specific court.

- View PACER Account Information - Displays the ECF User's PACER username.

NOTE: Questions related to a PACER account should be directed to the PACER Service Center. The PACER Service Center's contact information is available at www.pacer.gov.

Editing

Verify a Document

System Administration

Check PDF Document

Reports / Information

Court Information – Displays Court details, Court Locations, PACER Details, and Flag Definitions.

Judgment Index- This report lists judgment(s) for selected criteria with links to the associated document(s).

Links to Other Courts – Links to the Individual Court Sites for the entire judiciary.

Mailings

- List of Creditors - allows access to the list of creditors/mailing matrix via PACER.
- Mailing Info for a Case - provides mailing information for a specific case.

Pacer Case Locator (National Index) - Links to the PACER Service Center.

e-Orders

- Judgment Book
- Order Query

NextGen Release 1.1. Menu Items

- Change PACER Exemption Status
- Link a CM/ECF account to my PACER account
- Maintain Your Login/Password

NextGen Release 1.2 Menu Items

- Docket Using XML Form Data
- Open Bankruptcy Case Using XML Forms Data

Appendix A

Required Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Fees

Individual Chapter 7 Voluntary Case

- ☐ **$335.00 Filing Fee** *($245 filing fee + $75 Administrative fee + $15 trustee surcharge)*
  See requirement below when paying in installments or requesting filing fee be waived.
- ☐ **Voluntary Petition** (Official Form 101)

Documents required to be filed **WITH** the voluntary petition as separate documents:

- ☐ **List of Creditors** *(list providing names and addresses of all entities listed or to be listed on Schedules D, E/F, G and H)*.
- ☐ **Statement of Social Security Number** *(Official Form 121)*
- ☐ **Certificate of Credit Counseling** (provided by Credit Counseling Agency)
- ☐ **Application for Individuals to Pay the Filing Fee in Installments** – *(Official Form 103A)*
  (required when an individual debtor requests to pay the filing fee in installments).
  - **Disclosure of Pre-Petition Fees Paid by Debtor to Debtor's** *Counsel (Local Form MSSB-LR-1006-1) See Miss. Bankr. L.R. 1006-1(b)(1)*
- ☐ **Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived** – *(Official Form 103B)*
  (required when an individual debtor request the court waive the filing fee).

The following documents to be filed with the voluntary petition **or** within 14 days:

- ☐ **Chapter 7 Statement of Your Currently Monthly Income** *(Official Form 122A-1)*
- ☐ **Statement of Exemption from Presumption of Abuse Under §707(b)(2)**
  (Official Form 122A-1Supp) (If applicable)

- ☐ **Schedules and Statements** file the following documents as one PDF document:
  - Summary of Your Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information *(Official Form 106Sum)*
  - Schedule A/B: Property *(Official Form 106A/B)*
  - Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt *(Official Form 106C)*
  - Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property *(Official Form 106D)*
  - Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims *(Official Form 106E/F)*
  - Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases *(Official Form 106G)*
  - Schedule H: Your Codebtors *(Official Form 106H)*
  - Schedule I: Your Income *(Official Form 106I)*
  - Schedule J: Your Expenses *(Official Form 106J)*
  - Schedule J-2: Expenses for Separate Household of Debtor 2 *(Official Form 106J-2)* (If applicable)
  - Declaration About an Individual Debtor's Schedules *(Official Form 106Dec)*
  - Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy *(Official Form 107)*.
  - Statement of Intention for Individuals Filing Under Chapter 7 *(Official Form 108)*
  - Disclosure of Compensation of Attorney Debtor *(Director's Form 2030)*

Appendix B

Required Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Fees

Non-Individual Chapter 7 Voluntary Case

- ☐ **$335.00 Filing Fee** *($245 filing fee + $75 Administrative fee + $15 trustee surcharge)*
  See requirement below when paying in installments or requesting filing fee be waived.
- ☐ **Voluntary Petition** (Official Form 201)

Documents required to be filed **WITH** the voluntary petition as separate documents:

- ☐ **List of Creditors** *(list providing names and addresses of all entities listed or to be listed on Schedules D, E/F, G, and H)*.
- ☐ **Corporate Ownership Statement** - required if the debtor is a corporation.

The following documents to be filed with the voluntary petition **or** within 14 days:

- ☐ **Schedules and Statements** file the following documents as one PDF document:
  - Summary of Assets and Liabilities for Non-Individuals *(Official Form 206Sum)*
  - Schedule A/B: Assets – Real and Personal Property *(Official Form 206A/B)*
  - Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property *(Official Form 206D)*
  - Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims *(Official Form 206E/F)*
  - Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases *(Official Form 206G)*
  - Schedule H: Codebtors *(Official Form 206H)*
  - Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury for Non-Individual Debtors *(Official Form 202)*
  - Statement of Financial Affairs for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy *(Official Form 207)*.
  - Disclosure of Compensation of Attorney Debtor *(Director's Form 2030)*

Appendix C

Required, Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Fees

Individual Chapter 13 Voluntary Case

- ☐ **$310.00 Filing Fee** *($235 filing fee + $75 Administrative fee)* See requirement below when paying in installments.
- ☐ **Voluntary Petition** (Official Form 101)

Documents required to be filed **WITH** the voluntary petition as separate documents:

- ☐ **List of Creditors** *(list providing names and addresses of all entities listed or to be listed on Schedules D, E/F, G, and H)*.
- ☐ **Statement of Social Security Number** *(Official Form 121)*
- ☐ **Certificate of Credit Counseling** (provided by Credit Counseling Agency)
- ☐ **Application for Individuals to Pay the Filing Fee in Installments** – *(Official Form 103A)* (required when an individual debtor requests to pay the filing fee in installments).
    - **Disclosure of Pre-Petition Fees Paid by Debtor to Debtor's** *Counsel (Local Form MSSB-LR-1006-1) See Miss. Bankr. L.R. 1006-1(b)(1)*

The following documents to be filed with the voluntary petition **or** within 14 days:

- ☐ **Chapter 13 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income and Calculation of Commitment Period** *(Official Form 122C-1)*.
- ☐ **Chapter 13 Calculation of Your Disposable Income** *(Official Form 122C-2)* (If applicable)
- ☐ **Chapter 13 Plan and Motions for Valuation and Lien Avoidance** *(Local Form MSSB-113)* Plan must be typewritten. Effective December 1, 2017 debtor must use new local form MSSB-113. *See Miss. Bankr. L. R. 3015.1-1*

- ☐ **Schedules and Statements** file the following documents as one PDF document:
    - Summary of Your Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information *(Official Form 106Sum)*
    - Schedule A/B: Property *(Official Form 106A/B)*
    - Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt *(Official Form 106C)*
    - Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property *(Official Form 106D)*
    - Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims *(Official Form 106E/F)*
    - Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases *(Official Form 106G)*
    - Schedule H: Your Codebtors *(Official Form 106H)*
    - Schedule I: Your Income *(Official Form 106I)*
    - Schedule J: Your Expenses *(Official Form 106J)*
    - Schedule J-2: Expenses for Separate Household of Debtor 2 *(Official Form 106J-2)* (If applicable)
    - Declaration About an Individual Debtor's Schedules *(Official Form 106Dec)*
    - Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy *(Official Form 107)*.
    - Disclosure of Compensation of Attorney Debtor *(Director's Form 2030)*

Document to be filed upon filing of the Chapter 13 Plan or the Meeting of Creditors, whichever is later.

- ☐ **Notice of Filing Chapter 13 Plan and Motions for Valuation and Lien Avoidance** (MSSB-LR-3015-1) with certificate of service (MSSB-LR-3015-1-COS)

Appendix D

Specifications for a List of Creditors

List must contain the name and address for each entity included or to be included on Schedules D, E/F, G, and H.

- Alphabetized by last name. Business names are to be in the alphabetized list.
- The name and address five lines or less.
- First line must be the creditor's name - 50 characters or less (including spaces)
- Additional lines 40 characters or less (including spaces)
- Names and addresses left justified (flush to the left margin, no leading spaces)
- No account numbers
- "Attention" line below the creditor's name (second line)
- City, state and zip code on last line
- Nine-digit zip codes – separate two groups of digits with hyphen
- Use two-letter abbreviations for the state
- Separate each address by one blank line
- Do not include debtor, joint debtor, case trustee, or US trustee's information.
- Do not include page numbers, headers, footers, etc.
- Save list of creditors in two formats (2 files):
  1) text format (.txt)
  2) PDF format (.pdf)

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