

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF MANDATORY) GENERAL ORDER NO. 2007-02
ATTORNEY CASE OPENING)

Pursuant to the decision of the Court en banc on January 26, 2007,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Effective June 30, 2007, an attorney who intends to file a new civil case in this court must open the case using the court's Case Management / Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) System.

2. The Court will amend its civil local rules to reflect this directive by modifying Nebraska Civil Rules 5.1(b) and 5.1(c) to read as follows:

5.1(b) Mandatory Electronic Case Opening and Filing. Attorneys filing new civil cases in this district after June 30, 2007, are required to open the cases themselves using the System. All documents submitted for filing in civil cases, no matter when a case was originally filed, shall be filed electronically using the System.

5.1(c) Exceptions. The following matters or individuals are excepted from mandatory electronic case opening and filing:

- (1) Parties proceeding pro se;
- (2) Cases filed under seal;
- (3) Cases or documents excepted from electronic case opening or filing requirements by the provisions of the Administrative Procedures; and
- (4) Cases in which counsel applies for and receives permission from:
 - (A) The chief judge to have the clerk's office open the new case on the System; and
 - (B) The assigned judge to file documents in paper format.

3. The clerk's office is directed a) to amend the court's Civil Administrative Procedures to require attorneys to open their own civil cases, effective June 30, 2007, and b)

to provide the bar and the public with appropriate training opportunities and materials.

4. The court's Docket and Local Committee shall include this amendment in the annual review of the Local Rules and transmit it to the Eighth Circuit Judicial Council for approval at such time as the Committee deems appropriate. This General Order shall be deemed superseded upon the approval of this amendment by the Eighth Circuit Judicial Council and the resulting republication of the local rules as amended.
5. The Clerk of the Court shall give e-mail notice of this General Order to all attorneys registered on CM/ECF and shall post a notice of this General Order on the Court's external Web site.

DATED January 26, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

s/Joseph F. Bataillon
Chief Judge

s/Richard G. Kopf
United States District Judge

s/Laurie Smith Camp
United States District Judge