

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**NOTICE**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(b), the judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on March 25, 2002, approved for publication and solicitation of comment, the *Procedural Order on Electronic Case Filing*, establishing practices and procedures for the filing, signing, serving and verification of documents by electronic means.

In order to implement the *Procedural Order on Electronic Case Filing*, the judges of the court, also on March 25, 2002, approved for publication and solicitation of comment, Rule 5.1.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, concerning Electronic Case Filing, as follows:

**Rule 5.1.2 *Electronic Case Filing* -- All cases filed in this court may be assigned to the Electronic Case Filing ("ECF") System in accordance with the *Procedural Order on Electronic Case Filing*, the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference, and which may be amended from time to time by the court.**

The judges of the court, also on March 25, 2002, further approved for publication and solicitation of comment, Rule 1.2 of the Local Rules of Criminal Procedure for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, *Applicability and Effect of Local Rules*, amended to include Rule 5.1.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, *Electronic Case Filing*, as fully applicable to all criminal proceedings.

It now appearing that comments have been received in response to the publication of notice and solicitation of comment, and it further appearing that the judges of the court have reviewed and considered said comments, an Order was entered on May 16, 2002, adopting Rule 5.1.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, *Electronic Case Filing*, which incorporates by reference the provisions of the *Procedural Order on Electronic Case Filing*, effective immediately. An Order was also entered on May 16, 2002, amending Rule 1.2 of the Local Rules of Criminal Procedure, *Applicability and Effect of Local Rules*, to include Rule 5.1.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, *Electronic Case Filing*, as fully applicable to all criminal proceedings, also effective immediately.

All counsel are encouraged to participate in the Electronic Case Filing program. Those wishing to obtain copies of the *Procedural Order on Electronic Case Filing*, the implementing local civil and criminal rules, and the ECF Registration Form may do so by accessing the District Court's website at <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov>. Copies may also be obtained by writing to Michael E. Kunz, Clerk of Court, United States Courthouse, 601 Market St., Room 2609, Philadelphia, PA, 19106, obtaining them in person at the Clerk's Office, or submitting a faxed request to the Clerk's Office at 215-597-6390.

FOR THE COURT:

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JAMES T. GILES,  
Chief Judge