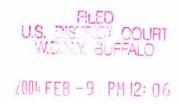
## NOTICE

Effective March 1, 2004

All filings submitted to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York <u>must</u> be filed using the ECF system or be provided in PDF format on either MS-DOS formatted diskettes or CD-ROMs.

By Order of Chief Judge Richard J. Arcara

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



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Mandatory Filing of Documents by Electronic Means

Administrative Order

WHEREAS, The court having established, by General Order dated October 1, 2003, electronic filing procedures applicable to all civil and criminal cases, and

WHEREAS, it being in the court's interest to ensure compliance with such procedures by the practicing bar without any undue delay, it is

ORDERED, that effective March 1, 2004, any document (other than documents specifically exempted from electronic filing under the Administrative Procedures Guide published by the District) filed by an attorney in a case shall be filed electronically, either over the Internet or on diskette in PDF format, and it is further

ORDERED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized to reject for filing any document not submitted in accordance with the foregoing specifications.

Richard J. Arcard

Chief United States District Judge

Dated:

Buffalo, New York

February 6, 2004