

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Eastern District of California
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Chief Bankruptcy Judge**

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re: PACER Registration

An Open Letter to the Bar:

The Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California has been an e-filing district for upwards of 20 years. Most of us registered for PACER a very long time ago and have not thought about the information provided since then.

Do allow me to remind you: it is critical that e-filers maintain a complete and accurate PACER registration. In fact, that is so important that we recently revised LBR 5005-5.1(e) to require that PACER registration information be kept current.

A couple of areas are most likely to cause problems. The first is the email address that you designated for receiving notices. The Clerk of the Court uses the address that you provided to give notice under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9036. As opposing parties may serve notice of motions and other proceedings by filing them with the Clerk of the Court, the accuracy of this information is critical. A bad or merely obsolete email address will almost certainly result in missed notices of upcoming hearings.

Second, do add your law firm affiliation, if any, to your PACER registration. And, if your firm affiliation changes, please update your PACER registration immediately. I realize that the PACER software thinks this information is optional. Not so. As I recently wrote you, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has asked each district within the circuit to update both its manual and its automated conflicts checking systems. Conflicts of interest arising from a law firm, as opposed to from individual lawyers, are less frequent. But they do occur. Thus, we need each registered PACER user to state their law firm affiliation, if any, to allow the automated conflicts checking system to identify these potential judicial conflicts of interest.

PACER registration is largely out-of-sight, out-of-mind. But we will all be better served by regular review of the completeness and accuracy of PACER registration. To find instructions for updating PACER accounts click [here](#).

Sincerely,



Fredrick E. Clement