## CM/ECF Participant's Guide

## ADDING A PARTY Updated 11/17/2022

**STEP 1** – Searching for a party prior to adding.

- Before adding a party, a search of the database for the party must be performed. A search may be performed by Social Security Number, Tax Identification Number, Last Name or Business Name.
- Enter the last name or the first few characters of the last name to search. If this is a business filing, enter the first word or significant words of the name to search the database. The entire business name is stored in the Last/Business name field.
- Enter the last name and click [Search].

## Search Hints:

- Enter one field of data for each search.
- Format Social Security Number or Tax ID with hyphens.
- Include punctuation. (O'Brien)
- Try alternate search clues if your first search is not successful.
- Partial names can be entered.

## **STEP 2** – Adding a Party.

- If the system finds a match, you can select that name and a "popup" box will give you the rest of the information as it is in the database. Verify that the information is correct before selecting.
- Click the [Next] button.
- If available information is incorrect or if the party is not in the database, proceed to add the party.
- Click [Add/Create New Party].
- Click the [Next] button.

**STEP 3** – The PARTY INFORMATION screen displays.

- Complete all applicable fields (You must indicate the Role of the party being added. If this step is not done, you will not be able to proceed and a box will appear in the upper portion of your screen to go back to the **Role** tab, Click the [OK] button.)
- To add corporate parent or affiliate information Click the [Corporate parent/affiliate...] and Repeat the search process indicated above.
- Select the [Submit] button once all party information has been provided.

STEP 4 – Select the newly added party, which should appear in the selection screen of the event being processed.