CM/ECF Participant's Guide for Chambers

TEXT ENTRY – REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE Updated 3/21/2022

Description: This process shows the steps required for CM/ECF users to file a "**Request for Continuance**" event which will allow the parties to request continuance of a previously scheduled court hearing that is appearing on the court calendar.

This request will appear as a text entry on the docket and will download to the Courtroom Deputy's CM/Assist inbox for review.

STEP 1 – Click on the **Bankruptcy** hyperlink on the CM/ECF Main Menu Bar.

STEP 2 – The BANKRUPTCY EVENTS screen displays.

- Select the Motions/Applications hyperlink.
- For further information on each of these categories, click the **Help** button located on the CM/ECF menu bar.

STEP 3 – The CASE NUMBER screen displays.

- Enter the case number for the appropriate case.
- Click the [Next] button.

STEP 4 – The AVAILABLE EVENTS screen displays.

- Scroll to select **Request for Continuance (text only)** from the events list or start typing "request" in the text box to find the event.
- Once the event is selected, click the [Next] button.

STEP 5 – The JOINT FILING screen appears.

- Click in the box to associate filing attorney with the filing party.
- Click the [Next] button
- Select any additional attorneys if applicable.
- Click the [Next] button.

STEP 6 – The SELECT PARTY screen displays.

- Select the party that the filing attorney is representing from the list.
- If the correct party does not appear in the drop-down box, click Add/Create New Party and complete the information
- Click the [Next] button.
- Click the [Next] button.

STEP 7 – The WARNING screen displays.

NOTE: The following warning message will appear.

I represent that this Request for Continuance is made prior to the deadline set forth in any guidelines or other applicable order. I understand that the matter will remain on the calendar and will be called unless removed by the Court.

Additionally, this request is submitted with consent of the affected parties.

- Click the radio button indicating that the filer is **agreeing** to the above statement.
- Click the [Next] button.
- Select either the First, Second or Third radio button, whichever is applicable.
- Click the [Next] button.

STEP 8 – The INFORMATION FOR CONTINUANCE screen displays.

- Enter reason for request for continuance.
- Enter date of hearing to be continued.
- Enter hearing slot number if known.
- Enter requested hearing date.
- Click the [Next] button.
- Enter Requested Hearing Time.
- Select AM or PM radio button.
- Click the [Next] button.
- Select Requested Hearing Location.
- Click the [Next] button.

NOTE: Select BOTH the MOTION and the HEARING NOTICE on the following screen. Note: The Motion and Hearing Notice may be filed separately or as a single document under the Motion.

- Click the [Next] button.
- Scroll to select the related pleading for which your event(s) relates.
- Click the [Next] button.

STEP 9 – The MODIFYING DOCKET TEXT and FINAL DOCKET TEXT screen appears.

- This is the last opportunity to verify the accuracy of the information. Submission of this screen is final.
- If the final docket text is incorrect, click the browser [Back] button to find the screen needed to modify.
- **NOTE:** If the **[Back]** button is used and case information is altered, you must use the **[Next]** button and resubmit for each screen for the changes will not take effect. In other words, do not use the **[Forward]** button on the browser if you alter information on a previous screen.
- To abort or restart the transmission, click the Bankruptcy hypertext link on the Menu Bar.
- Click the [Next] button if the docket text is correct.

<u>Sample Docket Text: Final Text</u>

First Request to Continue 3/15/2022 Hearing, Slot Number 45, re: Plan filed by Bill Attorney. Movant requests that the hearing be continued until 4/15/2022 at 10:30 am in Columbia. The request is with consent of the affected parties. The moving party requests this continuance for the following reasons: Witness is unavailable. Filed by Bill Attorney on behalf of Joe Debtor (related document(s)[3], [10]). (Attorney, Bill)

Attention!! Submitting this screen commits this transaction. You will have no further opportunity to modify this submission if you continue.

Have you redacted?

STEP 10 – The NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING screen appears.

• The Notice of Electronic Filing is the verification that the filing has been sent electronically to the court's database. It certifies that the document filed is now an official court document. It also includes the case number, date and time of the transaction.