How Do I Request DeBN?

SIGN UP FOR DeBN - It's easy!

Download a *Debtor's Electronic* Noticing Request (DeBN) form from the court's website at

www.scb.uscourts.gov/electronic_notice_ove rview

- 2. Complete section 1 and sign the form.
- 3. **File the form** by mailing or hand-delivering to the Court's Columbia office, by uploading the form to the Court's Electronic Document Submission System, or have your attorney file the form.
- 4. The BNC will send a **confirmation email** that indicates your DeBN account has been activated and that includes your personal DeBN account number.

HOW DO I UPDATE MY DEBN ACCOUNT?

Complete section 3 and sign the *Debtor's Electronic Noticing Request (DeBN)* form and file it with the Court if:

- Your email address changes.
- You wish to reactivate a DeBN account that was deactivated.

Form may be downloaded at www.scb.uscourts.gov/electronic_notice_ove rview

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF DEBN?

- **DeBN is FREE** There is no charge to register or to view court orders and notices sent to you by email.
- Fast Receive court orders and notices the same day they are filed, just like attorneys in the case.
- **Convenient** Read the orders and notices anywhere you have internet access.
- Easy to Register Just file the *Debtor's Electronic Noticing Request (DeBN)* form and you will receive a confirmation email from the BNC once your account is activated
- Go Green Less paper clutter.

QUESTIONS ABOUT DEBN?

Call the U.S. Bankruptcy Court: (803) 765-5436

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Filing Location

J. Bratton Davis United States Courthouse 1100 Laurel Street Columbia, SC 29201

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Email Delivery to Debtors of Court Orders and Notices

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WHAT IS DEBN?

DEBTOR **E**LECTRONIC **B**ANKRUPTCY **N**OTICING (DeBN) is a **FREE** and voluntary service that allows debtors to request delivery of court orders and notices by email rather than by U.S. Mail at a mailing address.

WHO IS THE BNC?

The **B**ANKRUPTCY **N**OTICING **C**ENTER **(BNC)** sends court orders and notices from all bankruptcy courts to debtors and others parties in bankruptcy cases.

WHAT ARE COURT ORDERS AND NOTICES?

Court orders and notices are documents filed by the court. **Here are some examples**:

- Meeting of Creditors Notice
- Notices of Deficiency
- Notice of Requirement to Complete Course in Financial Management
- Order Confirming Chapter 13 Plan
- Order of Discharge of Debtor
- Notice of Dismissal

WHO CAN SEND EMAILS TO ME?

Someone who requests DeBN consents to service by email of <u>ONLY court orders and court-generated notices</u>. The BNC will send emails to you on behalf of the court.

No other parties send documents to you by email. All other parties, including creditors and trustees, must continue to serve documents upon the debtor according to court rules, i.e. by U.S. Mail, overnight mail, or personal delivery.

HOW LONG AM I ENROLLED IN DEBN?

Once your DeBN account is activated, the account remains active, unless:

- 1) The BNC disables the account because the BNC was notified of an email delivery failure ("bounce-back");
- 2) You file a *Debtor's Electronic Noticing Request (DeBN)* form and complete section 3 of that form; or
- 3) You do not update your mailing address with the Court and the address with the BNC no longer matches the DeBN account mailing address.

As long as your DeBN account is active, all court orders and notices will be sent by the BNC to your email address in any current or future bankruptcy or adversary proceeding from any bankruptcy court district in which your name and address in that case match the name and address in your DeBN account, including cases in which you are a creditor, plaintiff or defendant.

HOW DOES DEBN WORK?

Debtor signs and files a *Debtor's Request to Activate Electronic Noticing (DeBN)* form, the court registers the debtor for a DeBN account, the BNC sends a confirmation email to the debtor that the account has been activated.

Once a DeBN account is activated, all future court orders and court-generated notices are sent to the debtor as a single PDF attachment to an email. A separate email is sent for each court order or notice.

PDF attachments exceeding 8 MB will be sent by U.S. mail to the debtor's mailing address, as these court orders and notices are too large to be sent by email. The DeBN account still remains active.

There is no cost to view a PDF attachment and no limit to the number of times a PDF attachment can be viewed. The PDF attachment can be printed, saved to a computer, or retained for viewing any time.

If you update your name or address with the Court, the Court will update the same information with the BNC.

