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**NOTICE REGARDING REGISTRATION  
FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICING**

The First Circuit has implemented the Case Management ("CM") phase of the appellate version of the judiciary's Case Management-Electronic Case Files ("CM/ECF") system. As part of this phase, attorneys and pro se litigants may elect to receive docket entries and court-generated documents (including notices, orders, opinions, and other correspondence) from the court electronically.

To participate in electronic noticing, you must register for a First Circuit ECF account with the PACER Service Center at [http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/announcements/general/ea\\_filer.html](http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/announcements/general/ea_filer.html).<sup>\*</sup> **Registration is limited to attorneys and pro se litigants in pending cases.** Participants in electronic noticing will receive a Notice of Docket Activity ("NDA") by email when the court makes a docket entry in any of their cases.

During the CM phase, NDA's will contain a link to any court-generated document associated with the docket entry. However, NDA's will not contain links to party filings. Thus, many NDA's during this first phase will contain docket text but no link.

The second phase ("ECF") will follow at a later time. Once ECF is implemented, NDA's will contain links to electronic party filings, as well as court-generated documents. While further steps will be required for ECF registration, by registering for electronic noticing, you are consenting to electronic service of all documents by the court and by the parties once the court has implemented ECF.

Participants who register for electronic noticing must promptly inform the court if their email address changes. A change of address form is available on the court's website, [www.ca1.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca1.uscourts.gov), on the Forms & Notices page.

Further information regarding the court's implementation of CM/ECF will be available on the court's website. You should check this website periodically for up-to-date information.

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<sup>\*</sup>For several months, the clerk's office has been collecting registration forms via email in anticipation of implementation of the electronic noticing system. If you already submitted your registration form, you are not required to register for a First Circuit ECF account *unless* you are a case participant in an immigration or social security case. In immigration and social security cases, court documents other than orders and opinions can be accessed electronically only by case participants and only through the use of a First Circuit ECF account.