UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO BANKRUPTCY PRACTITIONERS REGARDING CHANGES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2005

Beginning August 1, 2005, the official record of cases and pleadings filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan will be maintained electronically. As attorneys are trained and registered, they will be expected to file all papers by electronic means.

Effective Monday, August 1, 2005, the following changes will affect bankruptcy practitioners:

- 1. If a practitioner presents a paper document for filing after they have been trained and registered to file electronically, the practitioner will be contacted by the Court to explain why the document was not filed by electronic means.
- 2. Paper documents submitted by an attorney not yet trained and registered to file electronically will be scanned by the Clerk's Office Staff. The Clerk's Office will return the original petition, schedules, statement of affairs, petition cover sheet, Rule 2016(b) statement and any amendments thereto and the attorney is required to retain these papers for five years.
- 3. Adversary proceedings submitted on paper will be entered into the CM/ECF system by Intake Staff in order to obtain an adversary case number. The issuance of a summons is an automatic event in CM/ECF. Intake Staff will print the issued summons for the attorney and the summons will no longer contain the signature of a deputy clerk.

Therefore, a summons should not be submitted with an adversary proceeding effective August 1, 2005.

Dated: July 27, 2005 Sheila M. Tighe Clerk of Court