

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

**NOTICE REGARDING THE SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL
RELIEF ACT OF 2003**

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act of 2003 provides for the temporary suspension of judicial and administrative proceedings and transactions that may adversely affect servicemembers during their military service, thereby enabling them to devote their energy to the defense needs of the United States. The act's provisions are also extended to a servicemember's dependants (spouse, children, and others).

The act applies to any civil judicial or administrative proceeding commenced in any court or administrative subdivision, including any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States and the District of Columbia. Therefore, the act applies to matters before the United States Bankruptcy Court. The act is effective as of December 19, 2003, and applies to any civil case that is not final before that date.

A general synopsis^(*) of the protections afforded to servicemembers by the act is available on the court's web site at www.mieb.uscourts.gov and at the intake counter in all three court locations. Practitioners are strongly encouraged to read the full text of the act, available from the Library of Congress at <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

Dated: March 18, 2004

Sheila M. Tighe
Clerk of Court

[\(*\) Click here to view the General Synopsis of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act](#)