

## **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS CONCERNING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CM/ECF**

Over the past decade the federal Judiciary's Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system has dramatically streamlined and simplified federal court case filing, management, and access. Now, a group of federal judges and court staff is thinking about the future of that system and asking: "If we could change CM/ECF in any way, what would we want the Next Generation system to look like?"

As part of this effort, in 2008, the Administrative Office (AO) initiated a project to gather requirements for the Next Generation of Case Management/Electronic Case File (CM/ECF) systems. Up to this point, that project has focused on Chambers and Clerk's Office requirements. Now the effort is branching out to include an initiative to engage "Additional Stakeholders" to identify, review and recommend functional requirements for the next generation. To accomplish the gathering of Additional Stakeholders requirements, the AO has established an Additional Stakeholders Functional Requirements Group (ASFRG).

The ASFRG is responsible for the identification and documentation of functional requirements relating to CM/ECF, and is seeking your input. The Honorable J. Rich Leonard, Bankruptcy Judge in the Eastern District of North Carolina, is the ASFRG Chair. By clicking on the link below, which takes you to the website for the Eastern District of North Carolina, you will have an opportunity to have your voice heard regarding the Next Generation of CM/ECF.

<http://www.nceb.uscourts.gov/asfrg/>

In the Northern District of Georgia we have always attempted to implement CM/ECF in a way that was mutually beneficial to both the Court and our customers. We encourage you to take part in this very important project.

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