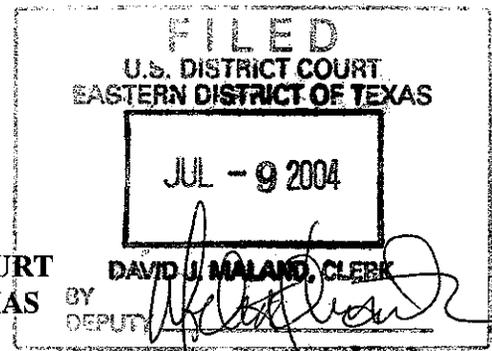


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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILING

Local Rule CV-5 expressly states:

- (a) **Electronic Filing Required.** Except as expressly provided or in exceptional circumstances preventing a Filing User from filing electronically, all documents filed with the court shall be electronically filed in compliance with the following procedures.

Except as expressly provided otherwise in the local rules, it is hereby ORDERED that, commencing September 1, 2004, all case-related documents from attorneys are to be filed electronically using the court's CM/ECF system. Paper documents submitted by attorneys after that date will not be filed, unless paper filing is permitted by the local rules. The clerk's office will immediately notify attorneys who attempt to improperly file paper documents of the need to file electronically. Attorneys should consult the court's website, located at www.txed.uscourts.gov, for information and instructions on electronic filing.

Signed this 9th day of July, 2004.

FOR THE COURT:


THAD HEARTFIELD, CHIEF JUDGE