

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma will be migrating to the latest available version of Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) on Monday, March 9th, 2009 (The conversion would begin on Saturday, March 7 to be completed prior to Monday, March 9). Until conversion is completed the System will be in READ-ONLY mode, which means users will be able to query information, but will not be able to file documents. This newest version of CM/ECF (Version 3.31) has numerous enhancements of interest to filers as well as the Executive Office for the U.S. Trustee (EOUST) and panel trustees. Based on statutory need, additional data elements will be collected for reporting to the EOUST. The EOUST will obtain this data through the existing daily data download program.

Of interest to filers, the additional data will be entered via case opening activities. The new screen displayed at case opening is to be completed by electronic filers. This will trigger a need to update petition software. Those of you who have developed your own proprietary software will need to address the change while those with commercial petition software can contact their software vendors. The process should be no more time consuming or burdensome than the current case opening activity as the data from the schedules is electronically copied to CM/ECF. Further, certain reports provide improved sort options to enhance data gathering and the narrowing of searches. The Calendar Events Report will again allow the case/judge selection option and retain the case number from the last user's query. Also, the Deadline/ Hearings report will have selection options for both the case and hearing judge. Queries and the Docket Activity Report can now be run with closed or open case options.

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Power Point presentations identifying new features will soon be available for viewing in the third floor attorney conference room during upcoming 341 meetings and in the courtroom

immediately prior to court dockets. Attorneys may wish to contact their office's bankruptcy software vendors to confirm the court is upgrading to version 3.31.