

A Brief Introduction to Technology in the Federal Court System

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From Chief Justice Martin's Full Commission Inaugural Meeting Speech:

“The 2014 survey by the National Center for State Courts shows that about 85% of respondents under the age of 40 are willing to conduct court business online. Perhaps even more remarkable is that this number drops only to about 76% when the category is broadened to age 65.”

Case Management & Electronic Case Filing

Case Management:

- Streamlines case processing
- Ensures deadlines aren't missed
- Court staff performs all functions

Electronic Case filing:

- Attorneys/filers create docket entries
- Attorneys/filers upload actual documents
- Court staff performs quality control measures to ensure compliance

Sample Adversary Proceeding Docket Sheet

**U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of North Carolina
Adversary Proceeding #: 15-00079-5-SWH**

Assigned to: Judge Stephani W. Humrickhouse

Date Filed: 07/15/15

Lead BK Case: [15-01186](#)

Lead BK Title: Eugene Charles Mullen

Lead BK Chapter: 13

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Nature[s] of Suit: 62 Dischargeability - 523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud
67 Dischargeability - 523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny
41 Objection / revocation of discharge - 727(c),(d),(e)

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Filing Date	#	Docket Text
07/15/2015	1	Adversary case 15-00079-5. Complaint by Sherry R. Mullen against Eugene Charles Mullen (Fee Paid) (62 (Dischargeability - 523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud)),(67 (Dischargeability - 523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny)),(41 (Objection / revocation of discharge - 727(c),(d),(e))) (Cook, Richard) (Entered: 07/15/2015)
07/15/2015	2	Summons Issued on Eugene Charles Mullen Answer Due 08/14/2015 (Cook, Richard) (Entered: 07/15/2015)
07/15/2015		Receipt Of Filing Fee For Complaint(15-00079-5-SWH) [cmp,cmp] (350.00), Receipt Number 11258587, Amount \$ 350.00. (U.S. Treasury) (Entered: 07/15/2015)
07/16/2015		NOTE: Case manager assigned to case is Aileen Gibson (Parker, Wendy) (Entered: 07/16/2015)
07/16/2015		Answer due by 08/14/2015 (adi) (Entered: 07/16/2015)
07/22/2015	3	Summons Service Executed on Eugene Charles Mullen 7/22/2015. filed by Richard Preston Cook on behalf of Sherry R. Mullen. (Cook, Richard) (Entered: 07/22/2015)
08/13/2015	4	Answer to Complaint filed by Anthony L. Register on behalf of Eugene Charles Mullen. (Register, Anthony) (Entered: 08/13/2015)
08/14/2015	5	Note to Courtroom Deputy - Schedule Hearing Date Preliminary Pre-Trial Conference (Gibson, Aileen) (Entered: 08/14/2015)
08/17/2015	6	Order Directing Parties to File Joint Report . Pre-Conference Report due by 9/16/2015. (McNeill, Allyson) (Entered: 08/17/2015)
09/16/2015	7	Pre-Conference Report filed by Anthony L. Register on behalf of Eugene Charles Mullen (RE: related document(s) 6 Order Directing Parties to File Joint Report). (Register, Anthony) (Entered: 09/16/2015)
09/21/2015	8	Scheduling Order. Rule 26(a)(1) Disclosures due: 10/21/15. Rule 26(a)(2) Disclosures due: 11/23/15. Discovery due: 12/21/15. Mediation Notification due 10/21/2015. Amendment(s) due by 10/21/2015. Motions due by 1/21/2016. Pretrial Order due by 2/11/2016. Trial date set for 2/25/2016 at 02:00 PM at Raleigh Courtroom. (McNeill, Allyson) (Entered: 09/21/2015)
09/21/2015	9	Matter Scheduled/Added to Calendar (related document no. 8 Scheduling Order) (McNeill, Allyson) (Entered: 09/21/2015)

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Desired Features of a Case Management System with an Electronic Filing Component:

- Open Source; not tied to a vendor for future development and updates
- Start with basic functionality used in every court; then encourage development on a local level
- Provide opportunities for collaboration among court units; encourage code sharing for longevity as developers retire or leave the judiciary
- Maximize the ability for statewide searches and document access, charging if necessary
- Make full use of electronic noticing options to reduce costs