

NOTICE

The procedure for filing a new civil case can be found at Section 4.0, page 4.1 of the CM/ECF User's Manual.

The Clerk's Office will open the new civil case by entering the case number, judge assignment(s), party names (plaintiff/defendant), attorney(s) of record and statistical information.

The Clerk's Office notifies the attorney via the CM/ECF system that the case has been opened .

At this point, no documents have actually been filed.

****Case number MUST be placed on all pleadings before electronically filing documents.****

Documents are to be electronically filed by the attorney. Internet credit card payments **MUST** be made online through Pay.gov during the filing of the complaint/notice of removal.

http://www.ilsd.uscourts.gov/complaint_demo/File%20Complaint_demo.htm

Documents are to be electronically filed in this order:

Complaint with **civil cover sheet** as an **attachment** to the entry. The complaint event is located under the heading of "Complaints and Other Initiating Documents".

OR

Notice of Removal with **Complaint, Service of Process, Pleadings and Orders** originally filed in state court and **civil cover sheet** as **attachments** to the entry (See 28§1446 and Rule 7(a) of FRCivP). The Notice of Removal event is located under the heading of "Notices".

If a summons was submitted to the Clerk's Office for issuance, once the complaint has been electronically filed, the Clerk's Office will issue the summons and return to the requesting attorney. The "summons issued" event will be electronically filed by the Clerk's Office.