

# Motions

This procedure explains how to docket a two-part motion. Single-part motions are docketed in the same manner. The example illustrated is a Motion for Relief from Stay and Adequate Protection.

Internet users will access CM/ECF filing, queries and reports using PACER.

This module will assume that the internet user has accessed CM/ECF using their PACER username and password.

**STEP 1** Click the Bankruptcy hypertext link on the CM/ECF Main Menu. (See Figure 1.)



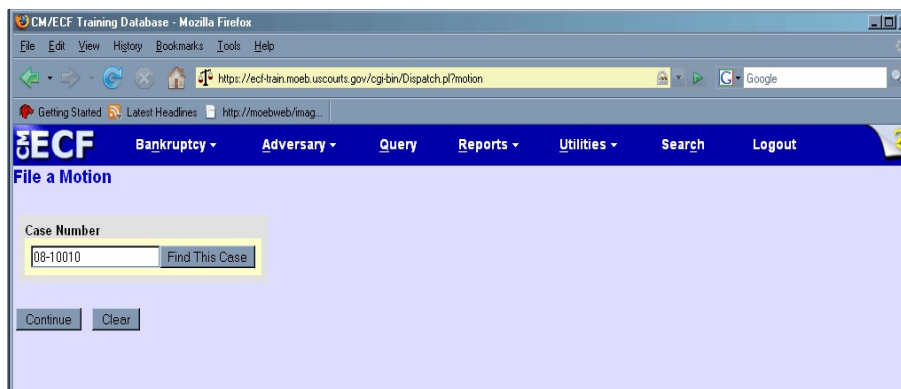
Figure 1

**STEP 2** The **BANKRUPTCY EVENTS** screen will display similar to the one shown in Figure 2. Your menu selections may vary from this screen.



Figure 2

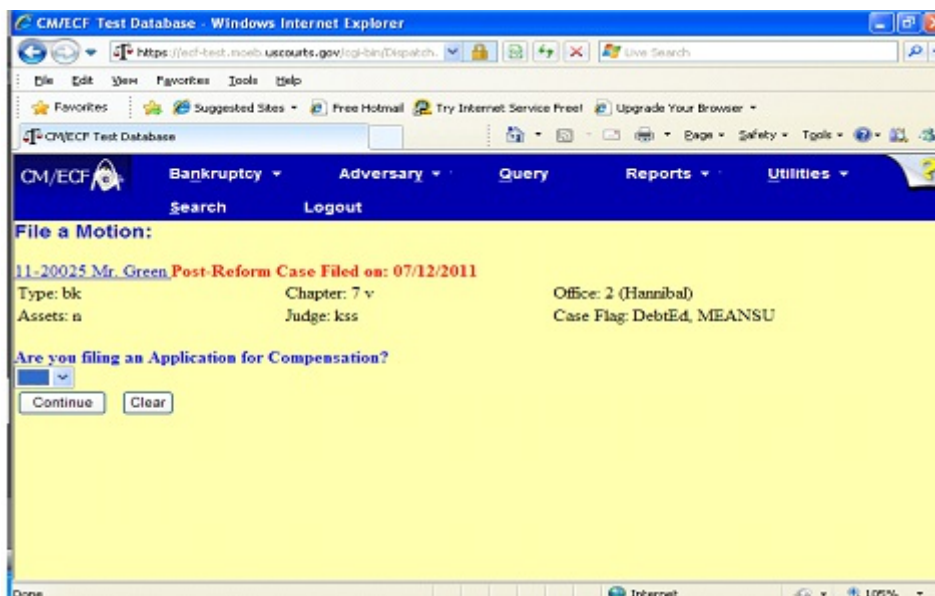
Click the Motions/Applications hyperlink.

**STEP 3** The **CASE NUMBER** screen displays. (See Figure 3.)**Figure 3**

Enter the case number, including the hyphen. Click **[Continue]**.

**NOTE:** You may use the browser **[Back]** button at any time during this process to verify former screens until the final submission.

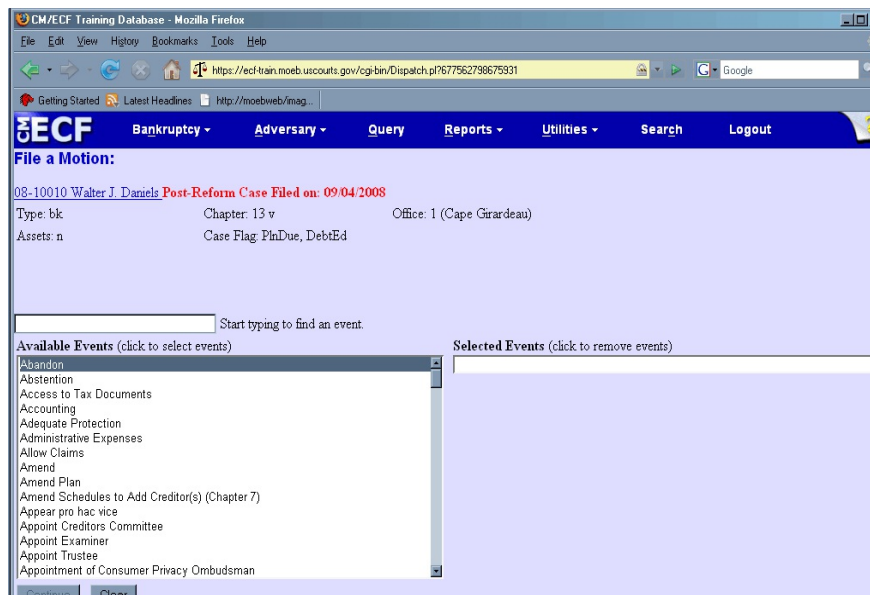
The **CASE INFORMATION** screen displays. Click **[Continue]**.

**STEP 4** The **APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION** screen appears. (See Figure 4.)**Figure 4**

Since you not filing an Application for Compensation **type “n.”**

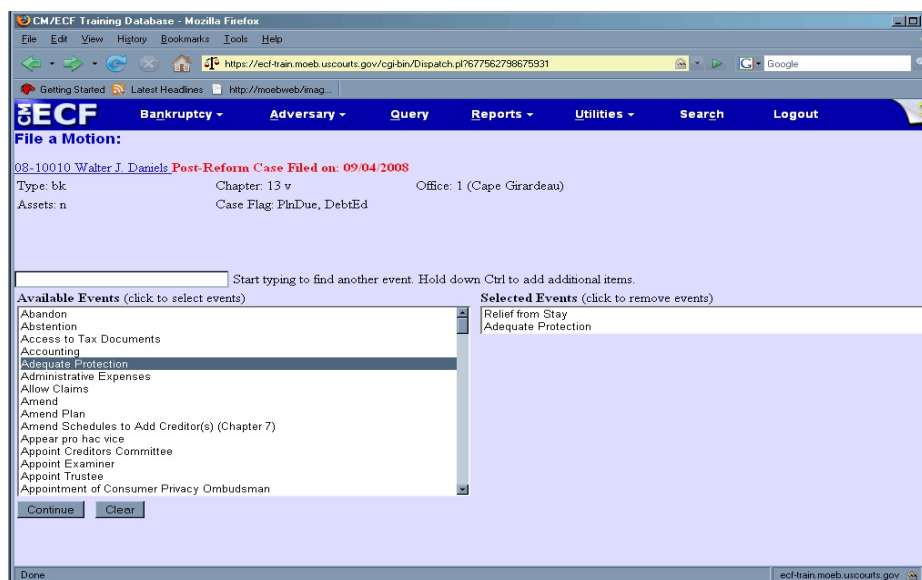
Click **[Continue]**.

**STEP 5** The **DOCUMENT SELECTION** screen displays next.  
(See Figure 5.)



**Figure 5**

- ◆ A text box is provided above the list of available events. You may type begin typing “Relief from Stay” in the text box to jump down to this event. Then begin typing “Adequate Protection” to jump to his event. Hold the Ctrl key while clicking “Adequate Protection.” Both events will appear in the Selected Events box on the right. **(See Figure 5a.)**



**Figure 5a**

- ◆ Click **[Continue]**.

**STEP 6** The **HEARING INFORMATION** screen displays next.  
(See Figure 6.)

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "CM/ECF Test Database - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows a URL starting with "https://ecf-test.moeb.cao8.don/cgi-bin/Dispatch.pl?7757319784563855". The page has a blue header with navigation links: Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, and Logout. Below the header, the page is titled "File a Motion:". It displays case information for "08-10010 James William Common and Julia Alltoo Common Post-Reform Case Filed on: 11/19/2008". The case details include: Type: bk, Chapter: 11 v, Office: 1 (Cape Girardeau), Assets: y, Judge: bss, and Case Flag: PinDue, DsclsDue. A note states: "Complete hearing information only if motion is submitted as combined motion and notice - otherwise, click continue." The "Hearing Information" section contains a text box for "Hearing Date:", a calendar icon, a text box for "Hearing Time:", a clock icon, and a dropdown menu for "Location:". At the bottom are "Continue" and "Clear" buttons.

Figure 6

- ◆ Complete hearing information only if motion is submitted as combined motion and notice. Otherwise, click **[Continue]**.

**STEP 7** The **SELECT PARTY** screen displays. (See Figure 7.)

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "CM/ECF Training Database - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows a URL starting with "http://ecf-train.moeb.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/Dispatch.pl?7550661923500331". The page has a blue header with navigation links: Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, and Logout. Below the header, the page is titled "File a Motion:". It displays case information for "08-10010 Walter J. Daniels Post-Reform Case Filed on: 09/04/2008". The case details include: Type: bk, Chapter: 13 v, Office: 1 (Cape Girardeau), Assets: n, and Case Flag: PinDue, DebtEd. The "Select the Party:" section contains a text box with a list of parties: "Daniels, Walter J. [Debtor]", "trainAuditor, [U.S. Trustee]", and "Add/Create New Party". At the bottom are "Continue" and "Clear" buttons.

Figure 7

- ◆ Since the party, Friendly Finance, is currently not a party in this case, they are not listed and must be added. Click the Add/Create New Party hyperlink.

**STEP 8** The **PARTY SEARCH** screen appears. (See Figure 8.)

Figure 8

- ◆ Enter the first part of the business name and click **[Search]**.

**STEP 9** If there are no matches, the system will return a **No Person Found** message. Make sure your search criteria is accurate. If the party is not found on your first try, use different criteria and/or wildcards. (See Figure 8a.)

Figure 8a

- ◆ Since the party is not already on the database, proceed to add the creditor, Friendly Finance. Click **[Create New Party]**.

**NOTE:** Your name search may find more than one record having the same name as shown in **Figure 8b**. Clicking on each of the names will display a window showing the party's address information for verification.

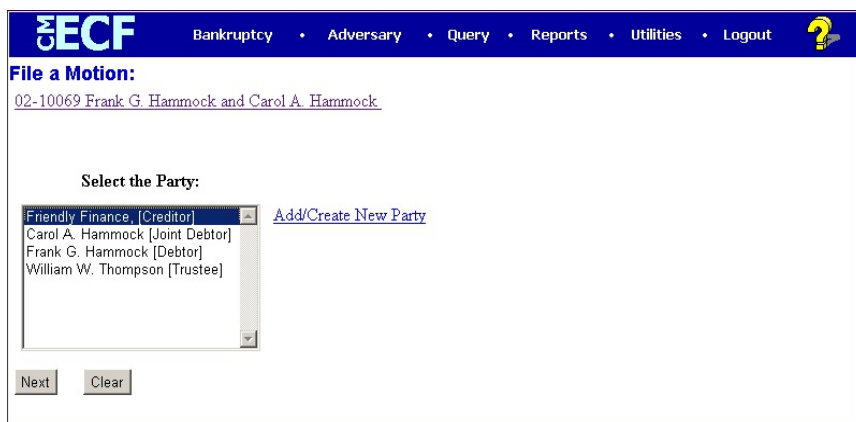
If none of the addresses are correct for this party, you can either 1.) modify the address (for this case only) on the following PARTY INFORMATION screen, or 2.) click on the **[Create new party]** button to add a new person record with this address.

Figure 8b

**STEP 10** The **PARTY INFORMATION** screen displays. (See Figure 9.)

Figure 9

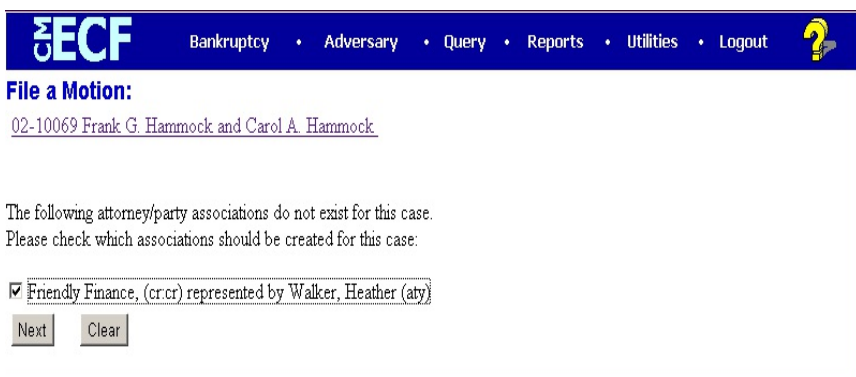
- ◆ Enter creditor **Name** information in the appropriate boxes, according to court policy.
- ◆ Leave **pro se** as **no**.
- ◆ Expand the **Role Type** selection pick list by clicking on the down arrow ▼ and select Creditor.
- ◆ Enter further descriptive text for the creditor in the Party Text field, if appropriate. (A Connecticut Corporation, Guardian of the State, etc.)
- ◆ It is not necessary to add yourself as counsel for the party. Your login will furnish your attorney information to the system.
- ◆ Click **[Submit]**.

**STEP 11** The **SELECT PARTY** screen appears again. (See Figure 10.)

The screenshot shows the ECF web interface. At the top is a blue navigation bar with the ECF logo and links for Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, Utilities, and Logout. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "File a Motion:". Underneath, there is a case identifier: "02-10069 Frank G. Hammock and Carol A. Hammock". The main content area is titled "Select the Party:". It features a dropdown menu with the following options: "Friendly Finance, [Creditor]", "Carol A. Hammock [Joint Debtor]", "Frank G. Hammock [Debtor]", and "William W. Thompson [Trustee]". The "Friendly Finance, [Creditor]" option is highlighted. To the right of the dropdown menu is a link that says "Add/Create New Party". At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Next" and "Clear".

**Figure 10**

- ◆ The new creditor's name, Friendly Finance, is highlighted.
- ◆ Click **[Continue]**.

**STEP 12** The **ATTORNEY/PARTY ASSOCIATIONS** screen appears. (See Figure 11.)

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**Figure 11**

- ◆ Click the box to establish the association between you and Friendly Finance in this case.
- ◆ Click **[Continue]**.



**STEP 13** The **PDF DOCUMENT SELECTION** screen displays.  
(See Figure 12a.)

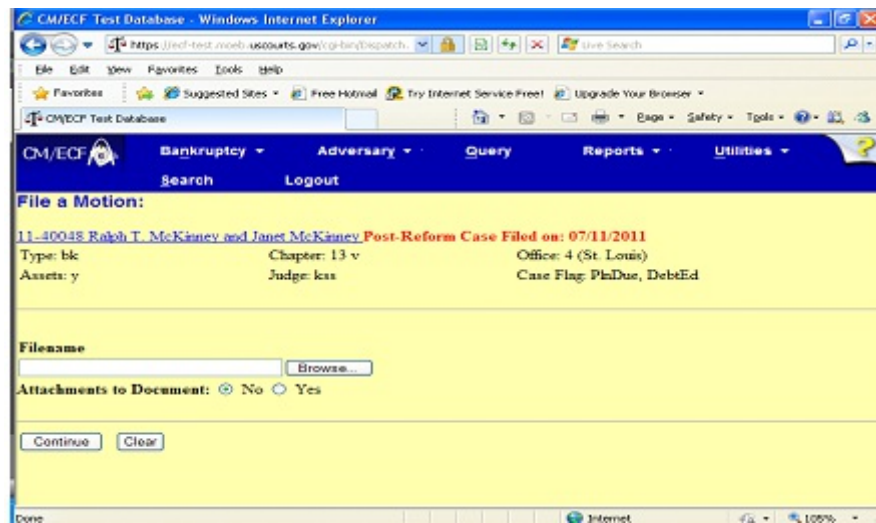


Figure 12a

- ◆ Click **[Browse]**, then navigate to the directory where the appropriate PDF file is located.
  - In the **File Upload** window, change **Files of type:** to **All Files (\*.\*)**
  - To make certain you are about to associate the correct PDF file for this entry, right click on the filename with your mouse and select **Open**. (See Figure 12b.)

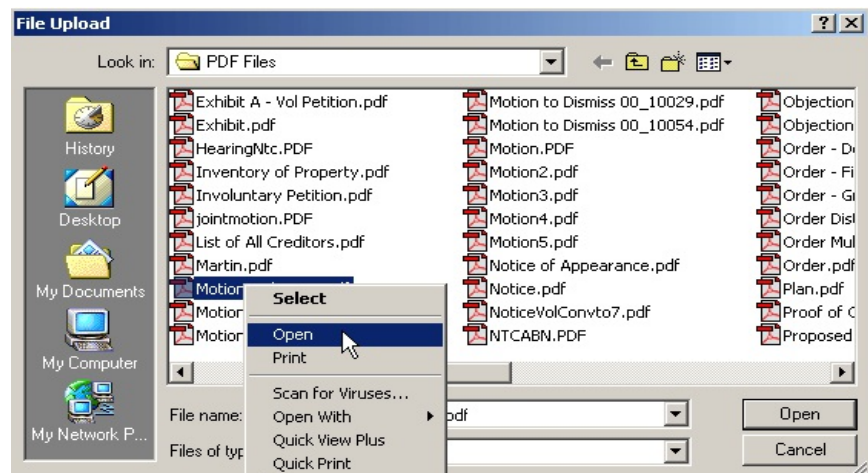


Figure 12b

- ◆ This will launch the Adobe Acrobat Reader to display the contents of the imaged document. Verify that the document is correct.



- ◆ Close or minimize the Adobe application and if that is the correct file, click Open on the File Upload dialogue box. (See Figure 12c.)

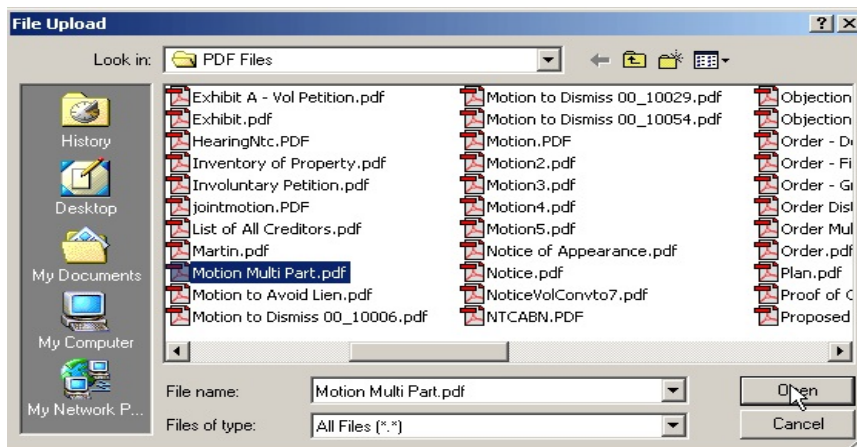


Figure 12c

- ◆ The path and name of the selected PDF file is placed in the **Filename** Box. The file will be associated with the current event and a hyperlink will be created to it. If there are no **Attachments** to this document click **[Continue]**. (See Figure 12d.)

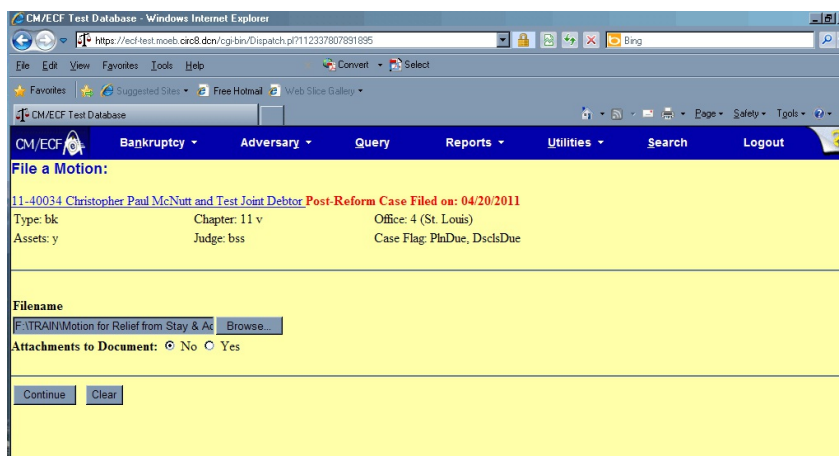


Figure 12d

- ◆ There may however be a requirement to **attach** supporting documentation to the main PDF document. To illustrate the feature of CM/ECF that allows **attachments** to the main document, click the **Yes** radio button to the right of the **Attachments to Document** prompt. (See Figure 12d.)

**NOTE:** Please note that the PDF file for the motion is not an **attachment**. It is considered the **main** or **associated** document. An **attachment** is another supporting document, such as affidavits or exhibits.

An **attached** document will be referenced in the docket text separately, and the **attached** image will be accessible by a separate hyperlink within the docket text.

- ◆ Click **[Continue]**.

**STEP 14** When you click the **yes** radio button and click **[Continue]**, the **ATTACHMENT** screen displays. (See Figure 13a.)

The screenshot shows the 'File a Motion' screen in the CM/ECF system. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Bankruptcy', 'Adversary', 'Query', 'Reports', 'Utilities', and 'Search'. Below this, the 'File a Motion' section displays case information: '11-20025 Mr. Green Post-Reform Case Filed on: 07/12/2011', 'Type: bk', 'Chapter: 7 v', 'Assets: n', 'Judge: kss', 'Office: 2 (Hannibal)', and 'Case Flag: DebtEd, MEANSU'. The main area is titled 'Select one or more attachments.' and contains three steps: 1) 'Select the PDF document that contains the attachment.' with a 'Filename' input field and a 'Browse...' button; 2) 'Fill in the fields below.' with a 'Category' dropdown menu and a 'Description' input field; and 3) 'Add the filename to the list box below. If you have more attachments, go back to Step 1. When the list of filenames is complete, click on the Next button.' Below these steps are buttons for 'Add to List', 'Remove from List', and 'Next'.

Figure 13a

- ◆ There are three steps to the attachment process:
  1. Click **[Browse]**, then navigate to the drive and directory where the appropriate PDF attachment file is located and select it with your mouse.
    - To make certain you are about to attach the correct PDF file for this entry, right click on the filename with your mouse and select **Open**. This will launch the Adobe Acrobat Reader to display the contents of the imaged document.
    - Verify that the document is correct and minimize or close the Adobe application by clicking on “-” or “X” in the control box in the upper right hand corner.
  2. Select the appropriate attachment type from the drop down list.
    - You may enter a description in the **Description Box**. This is court-specific styling. For instance if you were using an attached exhibit, you would enter “A” to signify this is Exhibit A. This description goes into docket text.

**NOTE:** You must enter a **Type** or a **Description**, or both. Follow your local court procedures for use of the Type and/or Description Box.

3. You must click **[Add to List]**. The path and file name are added to the **List** box. It is possible to add multiple attachments at this time by repeating steps 1-3.

◆ Click **[Add to List]**. (See Figure 13b.)

Figure 13b

◆ Click **[Next]**.

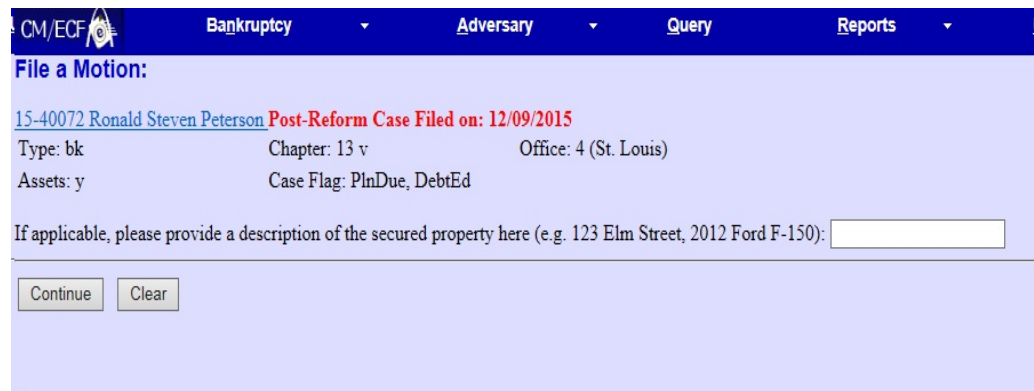
**STEP 15** The **FEE** screen appears. (See Figure 14.)

Figure 14

◆ Click **[Continue]**.

- ◆ The **SECURED PROPERTY** screen appears.

If applicable, provide a description of the secured property here (e.g. 123 Elm Street, 2012 Ford F-150).



The screenshot shows the CM/ECF web interface. At the top is a blue navigation bar with the CM/ECF logo and menu items: Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, and Reports. Below the navigation bar is a light blue section titled "File a Motion:". Inside this section, the case number "15-40072" and the name "Ronald Steven Peterson" are displayed in blue. To the right, "Post-Reform Case Filed on: 12/09/2015" is shown in red. Below this, case details are listed: "Type: bk", "Chapter: 13 v", "Office: 4 (St. Louis)", "Assets: y", and "Case Flag: PlnDue, DebtEd". A text prompt reads "If applicable, please provide a description of the secured property here (e.g. 123 Elm Street, 2012 Ford F-150):" followed by a white text input box. At the bottom of the section are two buttons: "Continue" and "Clear".

- ◆ Click **[Continue]**.

**STEP 16** The **MODIFY DOCKET TEXT** screen appears. (See Figure 15.)

The screenshot shows the CM/ECF 'File a Motion' interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, Utilities, Search, Help, and Log Out. Below this, the case information is displayed: '23-40008 Albert B Smith Post-Reform Case Filed on: 05/11/2023'. The case details include 'Type: bk', 'Assets: y', 'Chapter: 13 v', 'Case Flag: PlnDue, DebtEd', and 'Office: 4 (St. Louis)'. The 'Docket Text' section shows 'Modify as Appropriate.' and a text entry: 'Motion for Relief from Stay [text box]. Fee Amount \$188, Filed by Creditor Friendly Finance . (Tester, Dawson)'. At the bottom, there are 'Continue' and 'Clear' buttons.

Figure 15

If appropriate, choose a prefix from the **Prefix Text** pick list.

- ◆ In any or all of the text boxes, add additional text for the motions you are filing according to your court procedures.
- ◆ Click **[Continue]**.

**STEP 17** The **FINAL DOCKET TEXT** screen displays. (See Figure 16.)

The screenshot shows the CM/ECF 'File a Motion' interface, similar to Figure 15. The case information is the same. The 'Docket Text' section now shows 'Final Text' and the text entry: 'Motion for Relief from Stay . Fee Amount \$188, Filed by Creditor Friendly Finance. (Tester, Dawson)'. Below this, there is a red 'Attention!!' message: 'Submitting this screen commits this transaction. You will have no further opportunity to modify this submission if you continue. Have you redacted?'. At the bottom, there are 'Continue' and 'Clear' buttons.

Figure 16

- ◆ Carefully verify the final docket text. This is your last chance to change this entry before addition to the case. If correct, click **[Continue]**.
- ◆ If the final docket text is incorrect:
  - Click the browser **[Back]** button to find the screen to be modified.

- To abort or restart the transaction, click the Bankruptcy hyperlink on the **Menu Bar**.

**STEP 18** The **NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING SCREEN** displays.  
(See Figure 17.)

**CM/ECF** Bankruptcy Adversary Query Reports Utilities Search Help Log Out

**File a Motion:**

23-40008 Albert B Smith **Post-Reform Case Filed on: 05/11/2023**

Type: bk Chapter: 13 v Office: 4 (St. Louis)  
Assets: y Case Flag: PinDue, DebtEd

U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Missouri (Train)

Notice of Electronic Filing

The following transaction was received from Dawson Attorney Tester entered on 5/11/2023 at 1:00 PM CDT and filed on 5/11/2023

**Case Name:** Albert B Smith  
**Case Number:** [23-40008](#)  
**Document Number:** [4](#)

**Docket Text:**  
Motion for Relief from Stay . Fee Amount \$188, Filed by Creditor Friendly Finance. (Tester, Dawson)

The following document(s) are associated with this transaction:

**Document description:**Main Document  
**Original filename:**Motion.pdf  
**Electronic document Stamp:**  
[STAMP bkccfStamp\_ID=1031339175 [Date=5/11/2023] [FileNumber=129970-0]  
[2b0041ac4b3a654866872d1fc0fe70b112d1ae5b1ed0911a4d05165ff88d4a955403  
0785017793dfe59877c00d5a947f27419fc0794ed780d5a3f724a72edb36]]

**23-40008 Notice will be electronically mailed to:**

Dawson Attorney Tester on behalf of Creditor Friendly Finance  
moebnextgen-dawsonattorneytester@gmail.com

Dawson Attorney Tester on behalf of Debtor Albert B Smith  
moebnextgen-dawsonattorneytester@gmail.com

**23-40008 Notice will not be electronically mailed to:**

Office of U.S. Trustee  
111 S. 10th St., Ste. 6.353  
St. Louis, MO 63102

Date Incurred	Description	Amount
2023-05-09 15:37:52	Motion for Relief From Stay( 20-40001) [motion,mrflstst] ( 188.00)	\$ 188.00
2023-05-09 15:51:45	Motion for Relief From Stay( 20-40001) [motion,mrflstst] ( 188.00)	\$ 188.00
2023-05-11 12:03:31	Voluntary Petition (Chapter 13)( 23-40008) [misc.volp13a] ( 313.00)	\$ 313.00
2023-05-11 12:19:54	Amended Schedules( 23-40008) [misc.amdschs] ( 32.00)	\$ 32.00
2023-05-11 12:42:42	Motion for Relief From Stay( 23-40008) [motion,mrflstst] ( 188.00)	\$ 188.00
2023-05-11 13:00:15	Motion for Relief From Stay( 23-40008) [motion,mrflstst] ( 188.00)	\$ 188.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$1097.00</b>

Pay Now Continue Filing

**NOTE:** The electronic payments screen also now appears. This screen is covered in Step 19.

- Clicking on the case number hyperlink on the Notice of Electronic Filing will present the **PACER** login screen.
- Clicking on the document number hyperlink will present the PACER login screen.
- To print a copy of this receipt click the browser **[Print]** icon.
- To save a copy of this receipt, click **[File]** on the browser menu bar and select **Save Frame As**.
- The **Notice of Electronic Filing** will also be accessible as an option from the docket sheet. However, attorneys and public users will be charged a PACER access fee.



**STEP 19** The electronic payments screen appears at the same time as the Notice of Electronic Filing screen. (See **Figure 18a**)

Summary of current charges		
Date Incurred	Description	Amount
2023-05-09 15:37:52	Motion for Relief From Stay( 20-40001) [motion,mrflfsty] ( 188.00)	\$ 188.00
2023-05-09 15:51:45	Motion for Relief From Stay( 20-40001) [motion,mrflfsty] ( 188.00)	\$ 188.00
2023-05-11 12:03:31	Voluntary Petition (Chapter 13)( 23-40008) [misc,volp13a] ( 313.00)	\$ 313.00
2023-05-11 12:19:54	Amended Schedules( 23-40008) [misc,amdschs] ( 32.00)	\$ 32.00
2023-05-11 12:42:42	Motion for Relief From Stay( 23-40008) [motion,mrflfsty] ( 188.00)	\$ 188.00
2023-05-11 13:00:15	Motion for Relief From Stay( 23-40008) [motion,mrflfsty] ( 188.00)	\$ 188.00
		<b>Total: \$1097.00</b>

Pay Now    Continue Filing

**Figure 18a**

If you choose Pay Now, the Online Payment screen appears. (See **Figure 18b**.) See Administrative Procedures, Appendix 7-A, for On-Line Credit Card Attorney Manual.

Online Payment - Microsoft Internet Explorer

[Return to your originating application](#)

**Online Payment**

**Step 1: Enter Payment Information** 1 | 2

Pay Via Plastic Card (PC) (ex: American Express, Diners Club, Discover, Mastercard, VISA)

Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk \*

Account Holder Name: \*

Payment Amount: \*

Billing Address: \*





Billing Address 2:

City:

State / Province: \*

Zip / Postal Code:

Country: United States

Card Type: \*    

Card Number: \* (Card number value should not contain spaces or dashes)

Expiration Date: \* / \*

Select the "Continue with Plastic Card Payment" button to continue to the next step in the Plastic Card Payment Process.

**Note:** Please avoid navigating the site using your browser's Back Button - this may lead to incomplete data being transmitted and pages being loaded incorrectly. Please use the links provided whenever possible.

**Figure 18b**



If you choose Continue Filing, the Online Payment screen will be removed and reappear after future filings that require a fee.