



## Notice of Proposed Amendment to Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure

Rule 5005 of the Local Rules of Procedure for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, is proposed to be amended to require electronic filing in bankruptcy cases:

### **Proposed Amended Local Rule 5005. Filing of Papers.**

- (a) The Texas statewide procedures for electronic filing are adopted by this court and are published on the Court's website.
- (b) Except as expressly provided or unless permitted by the presiding Judge, the Court requires documents being filed to be submitted, signed or verified by electronic means that comply with the procedures established by the Court. The notice of electronic filing that is automatically generated by the Court's electronic filing system constitutes service of the document on those registered as filing users of the system.
- (bc) Depositions, interrogatories, answers to interrogatories, requests for production or inspection, responses to those requests, and other discovery material may not be filed. When a discovery document is needed in a pretrial proceedings, those portions that are needed will be an exhibit to it. When this material is needed at trial, it may be introduced under the Federal Rules of Evidence.

Written comments on the proposed amendment may be addressed to the Court by January 26, 2007, as follows:

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Attn: Chief Deputy Clerk  
Local Bankruptcy Rules  
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Dated: December 22, 2006