UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In the matter of Amended Provisions for Electronic Case Filing	GENERAL ORDER NO. 10-02

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure authorize this court to establish practices and procedures for the filing, signing, and verification of pleadings and papers by electronic means.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The docketing and case management system for the Western District of Washington shall be the judiciary's Case Management and Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) Program. In conjunction with CM/ECF, the official record of the court shall be the electronic file maintained on the court's servers.

2. At the direction of the court, the Clerk of Court has developed and posted on the court's website the Electronic Filing Procedures to be followed by the parties.

3. The time frame for the enactment of the electronic filing procedures is set out in the court's Electronic Filing Procedures.

4. The electronic filing of a pleading or other paper in accordance with the court's electronic filing procedures shall constitute entry of that pleading or other paper on the docket kept by the Clerk of Court pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 79 and Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 49 and 55.

5. The court shall enter all orders, decrees, judgments and proceedings of the court in accordance with the electronic filing procedures, which shall constitute entry of the order, decree, judgment or proceeding on the docket kept by the Clerk of Court.

6. Participation in the CM/ECF system by registration and receipt of a login and password from the Clerk of Court shall constitute consent to the electronic service of pleadings and other papers pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5 and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

7. Attorneys filing pro hac vice shall have ten days after their Notice of Appearance in which to register for electronic filing.

8. This order shall be posted on the court's website.

9. All conflicting orders concerning the provisions for electronic case filing heretofore entered are vacated by this order. This order shall be effective immediately and remain in force until rescinded.

DATED this 19th day of April, 2010.

HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE