



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE *from the* CLERK

Attorney Case-Opening Pilot Project

The Court has established a pilot project which allows for the electronic filing of new civil cases. Beginning October 7, 2013, attorneys may open new civil cases in the CM/ECF System and file both new and amended complaints electronically in the following kinds of cases only:

- **student loan cases (filed pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1080, *et seq.*);**
- **patent, trademark, and copyright cases; and**
- **Employee Retirement Income Security Act (“ERISA”) cases (filed pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1001, *et seq.*).**

For more detailed information about the Attorney Case-Opening Pilot Project, refer to the Court’s Amended General Order No. 13-01. For instructions on filing new civil cases electronically, refer to the Attorney Case-Opening Pilot Project User Manual. Both documents are available on the Court’s website at www.cacd.uscourts.gov/e-filing/civil-case-opening, as are step-by-step training videos demonstrating the electronic case-opening process.

The Pilot Project shall be in effect from October 7, 2013, to December 1, 2014. The Court anticipates that the electronic filing of case-initiating documents will eventually become mandatory in the Central District of California.

Terry Nafisi
Clerk of Court

All posted notices are also available on our website at: www.cacd.uscourts.gov.