

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE 701 Broadway, Room 170, Nashville, Tennessee 37203

# CM/ECF STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTION

# EESA

**Electronic Evidence Submission Application** 

Revised May 2, 2024



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# Objectives



When you complete review of these instructions, you should be able to:

- Upload an Exhibit successfully in EESA
- Save Exhibits
- Copy Exhibits
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- On August 1, 2012, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Tennessee made the submission of evidence electronically mandatory for all evidence used in trial, hearing or at the motion docket.
- Electronic evidence must be submitted using the "Electronic Evidence Submission Application," known as "EESA".
- The EESA application is accessed through CM/ECF.
- In conjunction with EESA, the Court approved procedures known as "E-Evidence Procedures" (cited as "EEP").
- You can view this information in more detail at:
- <u>https://www.tnmb.uscourts.gov/electronic-evidence-submission-application-</u>
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# Things to Know

- EESA is intended to be intuitive for those accustomed to using the paperless, filing system known as CM/ECF.
- Similar to loading documents for filing to CM/ECF, the EESA application will require that any and all documentary evidence be converted to one of the allowable formats indicated in EEP.
- EESA will prompt the user to "Browse" for the exhibit(s) and attach them.
- Make sure all exhibits are converted and saved on your computer or laptop before submitting those exhibits.
- PLEASE make sure to read the EEP as the procedures indicate how documents should be named before submitting any electronic exhibits. Failure to use correct naming conventions will give you an error message and not allow you to continue and submit exhibits.



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Supported Web Browsers

- Edge
- FireFox
- Chrome



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# **General Information**



### 3.1 Court Authorized Electronic Evidence Formats

All electronic evidence must be submitted in one of the following allowable formats:

• PDF

- [No Title]
- PNG, GIF, JPG/JPEG
- WMV
- MP3
- PPT/PPTX
- EXCEL (in very limited circumstances)

Any of the allowable formats can be compressed into a ZIP file as long as the ZIP file does not exceed the ECF limits. See, § 3.2.

Current recommended maximum PDF Size:

# 35 MB

No Password protection/restriction can be on the file.



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# **General Information**



Users should not be sharing ECF account information, i.e. a paralegal using their attorney's log in credentials. When multiple people use the same login credentials on different computers, the "cookies" used by EESA get mixed up and can cause errors during EESA submission.

To clear your internet browser cache, normally the command of control+shift+delete can be used.



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# Naming Conventions Nutshell

Naming Requirements for exhibits: Movant files must start with "1001." and Respondent starts with "2001." The file name should describe the contents of the PDF. Please note the period directly after the number is required. A file name of "1007 contract.pdf" will generate an error. A file name of "1007.contract.pdf" should not.

### Examples:

Plaintiff/Movant: 1001.Petition.pdf or 1002.Amended Schedule C.pdf Defendant/Respondent: 2001.Original Title for 2014-truck.pdf or 2002.HOA\_doc-Riverbend.pdf

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## STEP 2







and monitored by persons authorized by the federal judiciary for improper use, protection of system security, performance of maintenance and for appropriate management by the judiciary of its systems. By subscribing to CM/ECF, users expressly consent to system monitoring and to official access to data reviewed and created by them on the system. If evidence of unlawful activity is discovered, including unauthorized access attempts, it may be reported to law enforcement officials.

\*\* NEW \*\* CM/ECF Court supported Web Browser is Firefox \*\*
\*\* Other Browsers may be used but are not supported by TNMB: Google Chrome, Edge \*\*

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This facility is for Official Court Business only. Activity to and from this site is logged. Document filings on this system are subject to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11 and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9011. Evidence of unauthorized or criminal activity will be forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement officials under 18USC 152 and 3571.

Welcome to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Tennessee - TRAINING SYSTEM Electronic Document Filing System. This service is for attorneys and firms participating in the electronic filing system.



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#### Convert / Split / Deconsolidate

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#### Miscellaneous

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In Re: TEST TUESDAY Debtor

Hearing/trial: 9/20/2023 9:00 AM. Hearing Judge: Mashburn, Matter: Doc# 7 Notice of Hearing on Motion and Notice for Compromise and Settlement - BK Motion. Hearing scheduled 9/20/2023 at 09:00 AM, Courtroom 3 (Virtual hearing if allowed; see website for details); 701 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203. (RE: related document(s)5) (jjk)

#### MICHAEL GIGANDET's Exhibit List

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1001.JaneDoeDeposition.pdf		9/5/2023

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#### Motions

LBR 2081 First Day Motions LBR 9013 Motions with Notice Other Motions/Applications

#### **Proposed Order**

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