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IMPROVEMENT FOR E-FILERS IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

CHICAGO: Chief Judge Rubén Castillo announced today that with recent upgrades to the CM/ECF system for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the limit of 5 megabytes per e-filing has been increased. General Order 14-0009 was recently entered and now allows for e-filers to submit PDF files up to 20 megabytes for each individual document.

Chief Judge Castillo stated, “ This improvement will greatly assist the attorneys who practice in our Court. Our e-filing system is critical to our Court’s success.” Castillo continued, “Each year, attorneys file nearly 225,000 documents in the Northern District of Illinois and with this improvement, we will reduce the time required to e-file large documents.”

Any document that exceeds the 20 megabyte limit must be broken up into multiple PDF files. The 20 megabyte limitation applies to each individual component of the filing. For example, if a motion is filed with three related exhibits as attachments in one entry, each of the four files may be up to 20 megabytes in size. There is no limit to the aggregate total for multiple attachments within one filing.

The Northern District of Illinois’ General Order on Electronic Case Filing can be found [here](#).

Should you have any questions on e-filing, please feel free to contact the CM/ECF help desk at 312-582-8727 or 312-435-5671.

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