

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
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April 20, 2007

**TO ALL ATTORNEYS WISHING TO PRACTICE IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

This notice informs all attorneys and their staffs who do business with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (EDVA) that improper registration to e-file with us is a serious matter that may have serious consequences.

As you know, the EDVA implemented electronic case filing on March 26, 2007. Attorneys who are members of the bar of this Court and/or who are attorneys employed by the U.S. Attorney's Office are eligible to apply for an EDVA ECF login and password – once these attorneys have completed a mandatory training requirement of either passing the EDVA online policies and procedures quiz or taking a live class at one of the three courthouses.

We have experienced instances of people's falsely certifying that they have met the requirements to e-file with us.

Falsely certifying and/or registering to e-file with the EDVA constitutes making false statements to the Court, which is a grave offense. Such actions may lead to disbarment and a referral to the Virginia State Bar. The Court will act on any known instance of false certification and/or registration for e-filing in the CM/ECF system.

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James R. Spencer  
Chief United States District Judge

April 16, 2007