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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED GENERAL ORDER No. 2, ORDER REGARDING
CASE MANAGEMENT/ELECTRONIC CASE FILES SYSTEM("CM/ECF")**

The United States Court Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit ("BAP") hereby provides notice that it proposes to issue General Order No. 2, Order Regarding Case Management/Electronic Case Files System ("CM/ECF"). Electronic filing of certain documents will be permitted using the court's electronic filing system beginning on **May 13, 2010**, and will be mandatory for all attorney filings beginning on **July 13, 2010**. An attorney may be exempted from the electronic filing requirements by making a motion demonstrating good cause.

The general order addresses the procedures and mechanics of the CM/ECF system and may be amended from time to time as necessary, with or without prior notice, by further order of the BAP. The BAP Clerk may make changes to the procedures for electronic filing to adapt to changes in technology or to facilitate electronic filing. The use of the general order is intended to give the BAP more flexibility to deal with unforeseen problems brought to the BAP's attention by ECF Filers (as defined in the general order), to make adjustments as needed once the system is in operation, and to accommodate technological developments.

Related amendments are being proposed to the First Circuit BAP Local Rules. A separate notice invites comments on those amendments.

The BAP invites public comments on proposed General Order No. 2. **Comments should be submitted by April 30, 2010**, and addressed to:

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Mary P. Sharon, Clerk of Court