

**UNITED STATES JUDICIAL PANEL
on
MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION**

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**GENERAL ORDER
AMENDING PANEL RULES 5.11, 5.12(a) AND 5.13(a)**

In order to promote the efficient conduct of litigation, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation will begin accepting the filing of papers electronically (by email) and, where filing is not done by email, will reduce the number of copies of certain papers that it presently requires. In addition, use of the electronic filing option will relieve that party of its obligations under Rule 5.13. These are interim measures while the Panel, in conjunction with the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, develops electronic case filing capability within a case management/electronic case filing (CM/ECF) system.

Rule 5.11 is renumbered as Rule 5.1.1 and amended as follows:

RULE 5.1.1: PLACE OF FILING OF PAPERS

(a) All papers for consideration by the Panel shall be submitted for filing to the Clerk of the Panel by mailing, delivering, or sending electronically (via email) to:

Email: JPMLeFILE@jpml.uscourts.gov

Clerk of the Panel
Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation
Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building
One Columbus Circle, N.E., Room G-255, North Lobby
Washington, D.C. 20002-8004

(b) A party availing itself of the electronic filing option shall do so through the attorney identified, or to be identified, pursuant to Rule 5.2(c) of these Rules.

Registration/possession of a CM/ECF account with any United States federal court shall serve as authorization to file papers electronically with the Panel and shall be deemed consent to receive electronic service of all orders, notices, and other papers issued by the Panel, as well as electronic service of papers filed with the Panel by other parties.

(c) Where filing is done electronically, the subject line of the relevant email shall identify the title of the attached paper (taken from the paper itself) and, if known, the MDL docket number and name. The body of the email shall include (i) the full name of the party or parties on whose behalf the paper is being submitted, and (ii) the name, affiliation (*e.g.*, law firm), address, telephone number, fax number, and email address of the sending attorney. The attached paper shall be in PDF format. Do not combine multiple pleadings

in the same PDF. Attach a separate PDF for each pleading type. One hard copy of the electronically filed paper or papers shall be mailed or delivered to the Clerk of the Panel at the above address for receipt by noon of the second business day following transmission of the email. This hard copy shall be clearly marked "Courtesy Copy-Do Not File."

(d) If a paper is filed electronically, Panel Rule 5.1.2(a) shall be suspended insofar as it requires the filing of an original paper and one copy thereof, and Rule 5.1.3 shall be suspended in its entirety. An electronically filed paper shall be deemed the electronically signed original thereof.

(e) No papers shall be left with, mailed to, or otherwise transmitted to a Judge of the Panel.

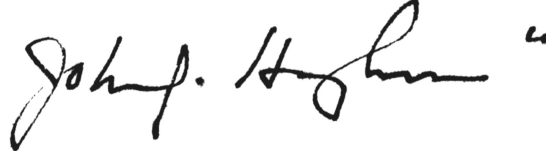
Rule 5.12 is renumbered as 5.1.2. The second to last sentence of Rule 5.1.2(a) is amended to read as follows: "An original and one copy of all other papers shall be submitted for filing to the Clerk of the Panel."

Rule 5.13 is renumbered as 5.1.3, and Rule 5.1.3 (a) is amended to read as follows:

Whenever an original paper and one copy is required to be submitted for filing to the Clerk of the Panel pursuant to Rule 5.1.2(a) of these Rules, and where a party is represented by counsel, one additional copy of that paper must also be submitted on a computer readable disk and shall be filed at the time the party's paper is filed. The disk shall contain the entire paper ~~exclusive of computer non-generated exhibits~~. The label of the disk shall include i) "MDL # __," ii) an abbreviated version of the MDL descriptive title, or other appropriate descriptive title, if not yet designated by the Panel, iii) the identity of the type of paper being filed (i.e. motion, response, reply, etc.), iv) the name of the counsel who signed the paper, and v) the first named represented party on the paper.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these rule changes are effective April 1, 2010.

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