## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE CLERK



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## CLERK'S NOTICE 17-01

## **NOTICE REGARDING DEBTOR ELECTRONIC BANKRUPTCY NOTICING (DeBN)**

Beginning May 1, 2017, debtors can request to receive notices and orders from the court by email rather than by U.S. mail. This new free program is called **Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing (DeBN)**. Service requirements for other parties in a bankruptcy case do not change with DeBN. Debtors can enroll at any time, and the program is available to all debtors with an open bankruptcy case.

## DeBN offers debtors a number of advantages:

- Debtors receive court notices and orders (e.g., notice of meeting of creditors, notice of hearing, order on motion for relief from stay, order of discharge, etc.) by email the same day they are filed or entered by the court.
- Debtors can access emailed court notices and orders from a computer or mobile device that has an Internet connection and a free Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- There is no charge and no limit to the number of times emailed court notices and orders can be viewed.

To activate a DeBN account, a debtor must file a **Debtor's Electronic Noticing Request (DeBN) form** (available on the court's website). Debtors can file a DeBN request form through their attorney electronically, or on their own by mail or over the counter at the Clerk's Office where their case is filed. If both debtors in a joint case wish to request enrollment in DeBN, each debtor must file a separate request form. Once a DeBN request has been filed, the debtor will receive an email confirming the activation of their DeBN account.

To access the DeBN request form, please click on the Forms tab or button on the court's website at <u>www.txnb.uscourts.gov</u> or click <u>here</u> to view the request form **under the Local Bankruptcy Forms** section.

FOR THE COURT Jed G. Weintraub Clerk of Court