

## **HARDWARE & SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS FOR CM/ECF**

- A personal computer running a standard platform such as Windows or Macintosh.
  - An Internet connection. A minimum connection speed of at least 56kps is required. A broadband connection (e.g., DSL or Cable Modem) is recommended.
  - Browsers Supported:
    - Internet Explorer 6 & 7.
    - Mozilla Firefox 1.x & 2.x
  - A PDF compatible word processor like Macintosh or Windows based versions of WordPerfect and Word.
  - PDF writer software to convert documents from a word processor format to portable document format (PDF):
    - WordPerfect, Versions 9-X3, offers the capability to publish WordPerfect documents to PDF format. If you use MS Word, you will need to procure additional third-party software to convert Word documents to PDF format.
    - Adobe Acrobat Standard/Professional, Versions 4.x-8.x adequately meet the CM/ECF filing requirements.
    - PDFfactory (Approximately \$50.00) from Fineprint Software ([www.fineprint.com](http://www.fineprint.com)) may also be used for PDF document creation.
    - For viewing documents, not authoring them, Adobe Acrobat Reader (Free download from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)) only is needed.
  - A scanner to transmit documents that are not in your word processing system. A flatbed scanner may be useful for capturing non-standard sized documents and exhibits.
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